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C.E.T. TO BE CONDUCTED IN LAST WEEK OF AUGUST

The Karnataka Common Entrance Test for engineering courses is scheduled to be conducted on August 28 and 29

EACH SUBJECT TO CARRY 60 MARKS

Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan said, "Each subject will carry 60 marks." For candidates staying in border areas, the CET will be held on August 30, the Deputy Chief Minister added. While the Maths and Biology exams will be held on the first day, Physics and Chemistry are scheduled for the second day | P7

ADMITTING BSc STUDENTS THROUGH CET

- The government is contemplating admission for BSc degree courses through CET
- Students have to score minimum marks to clear the entrance test, while PUC marks will not be taken into account
- PU II students to be promoted without having to write exams

June 15
WHEN THE REGISTRATION STARTS

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

States empowered to prioritise age groups for jabs

Walk-in registrations allowed for all age groups starting June 21; Centre urges people to go to private vax centres if they can afford to pay

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

A day after the Centre rolled back its controversial Covid-19 vaccination policy and decided to procure 75% of the total doses in India for all adults, it said it will continue to prioritise highly vulnerable sections for the inoculation drive.

But it allowed states to decide their prioritisation within the 18-44 age group, after factoring in the vaccine supply.

For the Union government, the priority population groups include healthcare and frontline workers, those above 45 years of age and beneficiaries whose second dose is due. The 18-44 group is last on its pecking order.

The revised policy that will come into play from June 21, also provides the option of onsite registration at all government and private vaccination centres for all age groups, apart from advance booking on the CoWIN portal.

The four-page document said vaccine doses will be provided to states based on factors like population, disease burden and the progress of vaccination, also warning that wastage of vaccine will affect the allocation negatively.

COVAXIN DOSE COSTLIEST AT PVT HOSPITALS

Vaccine	Price per dose as declared by manufacturer (₹)*	GST@ 5% (₹)	Maximum service charge per dose, inclusive of all taxes (₹)	Maximum price that can be charged by private hospitals (₹)
COVISHIELD	600	30	150	780
COVAXIN	1,200	60	150	1,410
SPUTNIK V	948	47.40	150	1,145

Note: These rates will be effective from June 21

Some experts saw in the latest advisory an underlying message that vaccines in government hospitals should continue to be given to the high priority population till their full vaccination coverage is achieved. "And that I think is a pragmatic thing to do," said health systems specialist Chandrakant Lahariya.

"In fact, I would have preferred if the vaccination for the 18-44 age group had been put on hold till the rest of the adult population is completely covered and the vaccine supply issue fixed. That would have really streamlined the Covid inoculation process," Lahariya added.

The Centre also urged people who have the ability to pay, to take their jabs at private hospitals. Besides, it defended its decision to allow private hospitals to keep procuring 25% of the total Covid vaccines. "In order to incentivize production by vaccine manufacturers and encourage new vaccines, domestic vaccine manufacturers are given the option to also provide vaccines directly to private hospitals," it said.

It said states need to aggregate the demand of private hospitals keeping in view equitable distribution between large and small private hospitals and regional balance, based on which the Union government will facilitate supply to the private hospitals and their payment through the National Health Authority's e-platform. "This would enable the smaller and remote private hospitals to obtain timely supply of vaccines, and further equitable access and regional balance," the Centre said. P9

DISTRESS SIGNALS

The economy is bearing the brunt of the pandemic. Here's a look

AUTO-DEBIT PAYMENT FAILURES

Out of **85.7 million** auto-debit transactions attempted in May, **30.8 million** (36%) failed

In April, out of **85.4 million** such transactions initiated, **29.08 million** (34%) failed

BANK CREDIT

Bank credit growth hits 59-year low of

5.56%

in 2020-21. It is expected to fall this year, too, with corporates deleveraging by repaying high-cost loans through funds raised via bond issuances

The credit availed by the Indian textiles and apparels industry fell 20% year-on-year to ₹1.62 lakh crore as of December 2020. This was mainly due to suspension of manufacturing activities in the immediate aftermath of Covid-19 lockdown last year, says the SIDBI-CRIF joint report

The number of active loans from the texiles sector stood at

4.26 lakh

as of December 2020

VRS coming for public sector banks, Air India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre will soon announce a special voluntary retirement scheme (VRS) for the employees of public-sector banks as well as Air India, finance ministry sources said. The decision follows the Niti Aayog's recommendation to this effect, the sources added.

"VRS is under discussion. The Niti Aayog gave similar recommendations for Air India and a state-run insurance company, ahead of their privatisation drive. Many of them are over-staffed. Short manpower makes them more attractive and easier for the change of management," a senior FinMin official told *TNIE*. The government will make the VRS package attractive so that it encourages the employees to go for it, the official added. P12

IISc TOP RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN WORLD, REVEALS RANKING

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is the world's top research university under the research impact parameter, the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2022 has revealed. It has achieved the distinction with a perfect 100/100 score on Citations per Faculty (CPF), which is a measure of research impact.

It is in the same league as Princeton, Havard and even Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), all of whom have got the perfect score. The report, released late on Tuesday night, ranked universities on six parameters and CPF is one of them.

Among Indian institutes, IIT Guwahati (94.8/100) came second with a global ranking of 41 on CPF, while IIT Roorkee came third with a score of 88.8 per cent and a ranking of 62.

CPF is the total number of citations received by research papers in a university over a five-year period divided by the number of faculty at an institution, said Simona Bizzozero, Director of Communications, QS.

The ranking body found that Indian universities have improved their research impact as 17 of India's 35 top universities have seen a rise in CPF scores, while 12 have witnessed a drop.

The report reveals that Indian universities continue to struggle with QS' measure of institutional teaching capacity, which is another of the six parameters. Twenty-three of 35 universities have suffered declines under the parameter of Faculty/Student Ratio indicator, with only six recording an improvement. No Indian university ranks among the top 250 in this parameter. P2

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2022

Top-3 Indian Institutes

177) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)

185) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IITD)

186) Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore

Global Top-3 ranks

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

University of Oxford

Stanford University / University of Cambridge

Covid-19 hits HAL: 100 dead, projects affected

RAMU PATIL @ Bengaluru

THE defence public sector undertaking Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been hit badly by Covid-19, which has claimed the lives of at least 100 of its employees, infected 4,000 others, and impacted crucial defence projects, like the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas and Light Combat Helicopter (LCH).

Over 450 vendors are involved in the LCA project and if the work outside is hit, it will also affect the project at the PSU. In the financial year 2020-21, HAL secured the largest-ever defence contract for an Indian company to manufacture 83 LCA MK-IAs.In the first two months of the first quarter of 2021-22, around Rs 1,200 crore worth of revenue from sales was lost as the PSU could not deliver products as planned because of the disruption caused by the pandemic.

HAL Chairman and Managing Director R Madhavan said, "Once deliveries happen, maybe the sales will recover. Man hours lost have to be recovered through extra effort. We were affected badly as a large number of our employees were infected." But, Madhavan said, the long-term project performance of Light Combat Aircraft will not be affected as they will have enough time to recover and meet the timelines.

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NATIONWIDE	JUNE 7	JUNE 8
Fresh cases	1,00,636	86,498
Recoveries	1,74,399	1,82,282
Deaths	2,427	2,123

JAB-O-METER TAKE YOUR SHOT
June 7 **31,04,989 doses**
June 8 **25,58,652 doses**
TOTAL DOSES: 23,88,40,635

After weeks, new Covid cases below 10K in State

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AFTER 56 days, the daily Covid caseload fell below the 10,000 mark in Karnataka. The last time the State witnessed such a figure was on April 13 when 8,778 new cases were reported. On June 8, the cases dipped to 9,808. The positivity rate remained the same as the day before at 8.80 per cent and the total cases rose to 27,17,289.

Though the daily deaths were reduced to 179, this is the same as the highest daily deaths reported in the first wave on September 18, 2020. However, this is still quite a reduction from June 7 when 340 deaths were reported. The mortality rate increased from 1.17 percent to 1.18 percent.

In good news, 23,449 discharges took the total recoveries to 24,60,165 and the recovery rate increased from 89.99 percent to 90.53 percent.

The daily cases reported from Bengaluru have been falling consistently, although there was an increase observed from Monday when 1,992 cases were recorded to Tuesday when 2,028 cases were reported.

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KARNATAKA	JUNE 7	JUNE 8
Fresh cases	11,958	9,808
Recoveries	27,299	23,449
Deaths	340	179

'Wasn't meeting Nawaz': Uddhav on his talks with Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on Tuesday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Delhi to discuss a range of issues from Maratha quota to reservations in promotion and GST compensation. He had along with him Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and Congress minister Ashok Chavan. But the juicy political talking point was his one-on-one meeting later with Modi.

Responding to a question on the one-on-one, Thackeray said: "There is nothing wrong to meet (Modi) one-on-one. I had not gone to meet (former Pakistan Prime minister) Nawaz Sharif. What is wrong if I have to meet him personally (one-on-one)?" He said during the last one year, there have been various instances when he had such conversations with Modi, adding, "Today, politically we are not with them but that does not mean our relationship has ended."

Thackeray described the overall discussions as cordial. "It was a cordial discussion, keeping politics aside. We discussed various issues with the PM," he said.

Was China ready with vaccine before the pandemic? Virologist feels so

CHETANA BELAGERE & NIRAD MUDUR @ Bengaluru

WHILE opinions are building in favour of the Wuhan Laboratory-origin theory of SARS-CoV-2 virus that triggered a pandemic, killing 37.54 lakh people and infecting 17.44 crore worldwide, an eminent Indian virologist has raised the flag on the possibility of China having developed the vaccine in advance to be prepared in case of the virus outbreak or a leak -- an indicator of the deadly virus being engineered in the lab.

This could have helped that country curtail the spread right from the early days. China, with the largest population in the world at 140 crore, recorded just 91,300 Covid-positive cases and 4,636 deaths since December 2019. It is ranked 98 on the list of countries in the order of cases recorded, he said.

The virologist, Dr T Jacob John, former professor & head of department of Clinical Virology, Christian Medical College, Vellore, said, "There are some mysteries about the Chinese episode (the suspected leak from the Wuhan Institute of Virology). China's Covid-19 pandemic was unique in the world. That means they are hiding something... or they are different...or China had prepared for this in advance. Everything is not what meets the eye."

He cited the example of a young Chinese scientist applying for a licence for SARS-CoV-2 vaccine "as early as February 24, 2020", just two months after the pandemic broke out. "It is far too early to work on a vaccine in just two months. They must have started at least a year earlier," said Dr John.

"That young man (the scientist) is dead. There are too many loose ends. China seems to be covering up something, just like any criminal would cover up."

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Dr T Jacob John, former professor & head of department of Clinical Virology, Christian Medical College, Vellore

EXPRESS READ

Anup Chandra appointed new Election Commissioner

New Delhi: Former Uttar Pradesh chief secretary Anup Chandra Pandey has been appointed as an election commissioner. With this, the Election Commission will have the full strength of three members.

Senior BJP MLA and former minister C M Udasi dies

BENGALURU: Senior BJP MLA and former minister C M Udasi died on Tuesday at a private hospital here due to age-related illness. He was 85 and is survived by his wife and son Shivakumar Udasi, who is a BJP MP. P7

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ALMANAC TODAY
• **Wednesday :** 09/06/2021 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Uttharayana
• **Ritu:** Vasantha • **Masa:** Vaishaka • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Chaturdashi 12.55 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Krithika 8.31 • Moon in Mithuna Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Overcast

Sunrise 5.52 am
Sunset 6.45 pm
Moonrise 4.52 am
Moonset 5.55 pm

GIDDENAHALLI CREMATORIUM SHUTS DOWN

Tavarekere and Anekal crematoria open until BBMP finishes maintenance works

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AS Covid deaths are on the decline, the Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner has started shutting down temporary crematoria. This has also allowed Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to start maintenance work of the furnaces at all its electric crematoria on a rotation basis.

The DC has closed the Giddenahalli crematorium, but has continued to operate the Tavarekere and Anekal crematoria, until BBMP finishes maintenance works.

"Since the number of cases is coming down, we decided to close it. During the peak, at least 65 bodies were being cremated at the Giddenahalli site and 60 at Taverekere. Since May 20, the number of deaths has reduced and we decided not to keep them open anymore," Bengaluru Urban DC J Manjunath told The New Indian Express.

The revenue department had identified 36.25 acres of land for cremation and burial to help the BBMP. Manjunath said Tavarekere and Anekal crematoria will be kept open as it helps villagers, even though the numbers are less. Of the 80 acres in Giddenahalli, four acres have been handed over to BBMP, where they will construct an electric crematorium, and the rest has been taken back by the department.

He added, "In case of burial spaces, the land will be with the government and burials will continue like in Bingipura, Kodathi and Yelahanka."

The BBMP had listed 12 electric crematoria for Covid victims. Each site has two furnaces and now the crematorium management committee, headed by N Manjunath Prasad and P Manivannan, is discussing undertaking maintenance works in rotation.

P Randeep, nodal officer for crematoria, said, "The furnaces will undergo maintenance in turns for the next two months. With the present infrastructure, at least 500 cremations can be handled. So, when one furnace is closed, the load will be shared by others."

BBMP ISSUES ORDER

The BBMP issued on Tuesday orders that from June 10 to 19, one of the furnaces at Peenya electric crematorium will be closed for maintenance works

List of BBMP cremation sites

Peenya, Kengeri, Sumanahalli, Mysuru Road, Banashankari, Harishchandra Ghat, Wilson Garden, Kallahalli, Wilson Garden, Panathur, Kudlu, Hebbal Kempapura and Medi Agrahara

Temporary cremation site to continue

Tavarekere and Anekal sites where over 70 pyre altars have been created.

CM promises BDA dedicated police station soon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa on Tuesday assured Bangalore Development Authority officials that a dedicated police station will be set up at the BDA head office to look into cases related to the Authority, including encroachments. The BDA now has police officials on deputation and files cases at the Seshadripuram police station.

Yediyurappa gave the assurance to BDA officials during a review meeting. BDA sources said that they take up encroachment cases with the help of police officials on deputation, while their own police station would help them dispose of cases quickly.

Yediyurappa directed officials to focus on vacant BDA sites and to auction them to generate funds for the authority. He also told the officials to call for a global tender for the Peripheral Ring Road. He made it clear that eligible applicants should get sites at Arkavathy Layout.

"Companies from Turkey, Israel and Switzerland have shown interest in taking up the Peripheral Ring Road work. The tender has to be called immediately and placed before the Cabinet for approval," he said, adding that officials should speed up the land acquisition process for the project.

"E-auctioning of plots, flats and corner sites should be accelerated to increase revenues for BDA. Last year, its revenue was Rs 2,066.72 crore and expenditure was Rs 1,332.44 crore. We are expecting a revenue of Rs 9,530 crore the current financial year," he said. CM said.

He also insisted that silt from Bellandur and Varthur lakes should be removed and disposed of soon, as the monsoon has already set in.

He directed the officials to provide information on the total assets owned by the Authority based on Land Audit Survey.

Come up with scheme to deal with monkey menace, HC directs govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court has directed the Department of Environment and Forests and the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to evolve a scheme on the lines of Delhi to shift monkeys entering residential areas in the city to their natural habitat in a humane manner, without hurting the animals.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order on Saturday after hearing public interest litigation (PIL) filed by advocate B S Radhanandan from Chamarajpet in the city.

The court said that the petitioner drew its attention to the difficulties faced by citizens as monkeys keep entering residential areas in search of food. He relied upon the judgment of the Delhi High Court, which issued several directions for dealing with a similar issue within the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) limits, on March 14, 2007, in the case of New Friends Colony Residents' Welfare Association vs Union of India, the court added.

"Keeping in mind the duty of the state, safety of humans and welfare of animals, while protecting citizens from the monkey menace, the State Government should ensure that the monkeys are not hurt in any manner and shift them to their natural habitat", the court said.

The court further asked the senior officials of the Forest Department and BBMP to hold discussions and evolve a scheme on the lines of Delhi. "Comply with this direction by filing a memo enclosing such a scheme by July 12," the court said, while adjourning the hearing to July 15. When the petitioner pointed out that monkeys are entering the city in search of food due to the lockdown, the court orally pointed out that humans have virtually encroached upon their habitats.

The petitioner contended that the monkeys are entering apartment complexes more than individual houses.

Bombay, Delhi IITs make it to coveted list

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BEN Sowter, Director of Research, QS, said, "This year's rankings demonstrate the excellent work many Indian universities have been doing to improve their research footprint, with positive consequences for their reputation on the global stage. Conversely, our dataset also suggests that the Indian higher education sector is still struggling to provide adequate teaching capacity. Further expansion of provision -- both within universities and across the sector as a whole -- will be necessary if India has to reach new heights."

The global top three spots in the overall ranking, considering all the six parameters, have been taken by Massachusetts Institute of Technology at number one, making it the top institution for the tenth year on the trot, University of Oxford at number two and a shared third spot for Stanford University and University of Cambridge.

This year, too, just three Indian universities are among the global top 200 in the overall ranking – IIT-Bombay at 177, IIT-Delhi at 185, and IISc at 186.

IISc's rankings

First in Citations Per Faculty

243 in Academic Reputation

468 in Employer Reputation

318 in Faculty Student

STATE'S AIR TRAFFIC

AIRPORTS	APRIL 2021	APRIL 2020
Bengaluru (KIA)	11,47,061	2,981
Mangaluru	72,257	0
Belagavi	21,899	0
Mysuru	9,281	0
Hubballi	16,743	0
Kalaburagi	6,203	0
Bidar	906	0

Source: Airports Authority of India

During April last year, airport operations were completely shut across the country from March 25 to May 31

Karnataka airports see a dip in traffic in April

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Covid second wave has put paid to the hopes of revival of air traffic, which was showing an uptick in January last year. Airports across Karnataka reported poor passenger traffic for April this year, which was a clear dip from the figures for February and March.

This is because airports are running with limited operations. During April last year, when the first wave was raging, air operations had been completely shut.

According to the Airport Authority of India, airports across the country carried 1,24,60,127 passengers -- 1,10,85,114 domestic and 13,75,013 international -- in April this year, as compared to just 61,681 in the same period last year.

Bengaluru's Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) recorded 11,47,061 passengers for the month. In March, it recorded 14,90,908, including 84,145 international passengers. February had 15,14,719 with 75,633 international passengers. In January, the airport saw 15,66,521 passengers.

The only other international airport in the state is in Mangaluru which had 1,07,454 passengers in January this year. February marked a very minor improvement with just 33 extra passengers (1,07,487). It dipped to 93,578 in March and went down further to 72,257 in April.

In 2019, KIA had a good growth rate of 4.1 per cent over the previous year with 33.65 million passengers.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

09th June: Yesterday I was talking about the increasing number of Earth-like planets we are discovering in distant solar-systems. One thing that concerns me is whether they have an astrology like ours? Actually, I doubt it, because they would have different planets, so nothing would be quite the same. I think I would rather like the differences, though!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
By all accounts a new acquaintance has high expectations of you, probably too high. That could be a problem if you're working with them. In any event, the next few days will bring clarification of a situation that has been causing considerable confusion, both to you and others.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The Moon's far-sighted, adventurous position is one of those special factors which urges you to broaden your horizons. At the very least you may get in touch with family members overseas or far away. You never know - you might find something to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The Moon is once again challenging your sign, so if you are persuading like-minded people to team up on a favourite activity, offer them something in return. Don't worry if somebody seems determined to do you down. If you have nothing to hide, then you have nothing to fear.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Nothing stays the same for ever - as you know. Like it or not, your working pattern is about to alter. Yet, before you are ready to tackle major ambitions, you must complete tasks already in train. It's all a question of taking everything in the best order and of walking before you run.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
If you have been dwelling in the past, today's lively Moon should encourage you to get going, think a fresh and face the future. When making plans, try not to be restricted by inhibitions and taboos which now exist solely in your imagination. Maybe that's not a bad thing!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You could soon have a second chance to cater for recurring irritations. Financial worries you'd thought had been dealt with might return to haunt you, but this time you can lay them to rest. If past extravagance has caused a dent in your savings, the process will soon be reversed.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Take decisive action at work, and try to pin other people down now, as later on they'll be inclined to change their minds. When it comes to cash you should take all necessary steps to repay loans and balance the books. You will not regret your caution and foresight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Mars is sailing through a most promising region of your chart and, although you may be subject to minor irritations, these could be the first indications that grand opportunities are on the way. Change, it is said, is always difficult, but it's never too difficult for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There seems to be no problem too great for you to deal with efficiently and with good results, all the more so if you have a wide circle of helpers. It's all down to the Moon's supportive presence in your chart, one which encourages you to accept responsibility for others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The current atmosphere favours individual effort and competition, and frequently everyone seems to be out for themselves. Don't be surprised if colleagues are rather jumpy. You may even sympathise with their uncertainty about the future. Try to reassure them!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You're probably wondering just what you must do next. Your best plan is to take the initiative and offer a chance for other people to see just how well you can do under pressure. Put doing a good job before winning and, paradoxically, you may do better than expected.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You have to give in order to receive. The point is that only if you are prepared to spend a little extra, and to invest in your future, can you expect to gain the rewards that you now so richly deserve. In any case, a friend should be about to repay a favour.

THE PHANTOM

THE HIMALAYAS! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT COVERS A LOT OF GROUND...
JUST, YOU KNOW, TIBET, BHUTAN, NEPAL, PAKISTAN, AND TEENY-TINY INDIA THAT YOU CAN BARELY SEE ON THE MAP!
THE LATEST NEWS FROM HERE? NOT MUCH TO SAY....
EXCEPT THAT I'M AFRAID TO GO TO SLEEP ANYMORE... AND I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S HAPPENING NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN...
NOW THAT I'M LIVING IN MANITAAN AND NOT EVEN REMOTELY IN DANGER...
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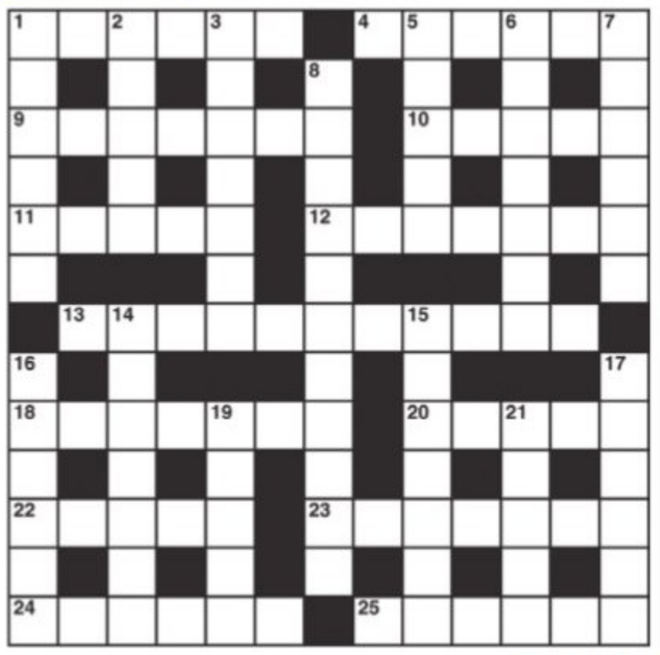
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Fools a politician in such confusion (6)
4 A thousand new clues might (6)
9 Imagine a portrait (7)
10 Demand by miners after a strike (5)
11 Infant raised to do simple arithmetic (3,2)
12 I'm badly upset by such a drive (7)
13 A graphic description? (4,7)
18 Stumble on crude oil and acquire foreign capital (7)
20 External route maybe (5)
22 Heads on the floor? What's up? (5)
23 Is inane perhaps and remains so (7)
24 He failed to turn the tide of history (6)
25 Fly from a mixed double set (6)

DOWN

1 New top ace writer from America (6)
2 Kind of diamond not reduced in price (5)
3 Made a choice and flopped down (7)
5 Turn can up to take top off (5)
6 Ship that goes by land (7)
7 To catch men she dressed up (6)
8 It sounds very like the truth (11)
14 There is nothing to restrict the view (7)
15 The American quarter? (3,4)
16 Make a cat sit still (6)
17 Remain perfectly still and go cold all over (6)
19 Notes a difference of the start (5)
21 Light shade in which there's a blemish (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Protest, 5 Hoard, 8 Queer goings-on, 9 Erase, 10 Gourmet, 11 Chaste, 12 Specks, 15 Arch-foe, 17 Admit, 19 Counter attack, 20 Lotus, 21 Tuesday.

Down: 1 Pique, 2 Open an account, 3 Earnest, 4 Trough, 5 Hindu, 6 Assume command, 7 Denotes, 11 Chancel, 13 Piastre, 14 Regret, 16 Fates, 18 Tokay.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

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YAHOO!
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I HOPE MR. WILSON KNOWS ABOUT THIS!
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NO PANTS DAY
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Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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"Officials must check the quality of seeds and germination percentage; and ensure that farmers use only recommended varieties during the kharif season

BC Patil, Agriculture Minister

'Loyalists' seek internal forum to raise concerns

After signature campaign move, MLAs want to discuss issues, wait eagerly for state in-charge Arun Singh's visit

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CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa's statement that he would resign from his post, if asked by the BJP central leadership, seems to have set off a domino effect. Two days after Yediyurappa's statement, other party MLAs and leaders have sought an internal forum to voice their concerns and complaints. While this isn't the first time such a request has been made to the central leadership, MLAs who have criticised those making public statements and indulging in politicking, have strongly urged the central leadership to take note of the unusual party activities in Karnataka.

"Remarks coming in media in last 3 days are not good in interest of party. Few comments of few people is not same as all MLAs & party workers. We can't tell our opinion to media, request party leaders to provide us a platform to hear us (SIC)" tweeted Karkala MLA and BJP's Chief Whip in Karnataka assembly Sunil Kumar, tagging Karnataka in-charge general secretary Arun Singh, National General Secretary CT Ravi and State unit chief Nalin Kumar Kateel.

Sunil Kumar's request for an internal meeting is said to be a demand from various leaders, including MLAs and party functionaries. Barely a few months ago, Kumar had written a letter to party leaders to convene a meeting and allow a platform to discuss issues. The previous letter was about lack of coordination between the government and State unit of the party, and how decisions on appointments to boards and corporations had left many in the party disappointed.

Kumar's demand came a day after CM's political secretary MP Renukacharya claimed he was organising a signature campaign in support of Yediyurappa to continue as Chief Minister. "One should not assume that one MLA's statement is the stance of all MLAs. Simply because someone makes statements in the media, it doesn't mean it is the popular opinion. We have concerns that need to be conveyed to the central leadership," said a leader who supports the demand for a forum.

Sources in the party suggest they are eagerly waiting for Arun Singh's visit to Karnataka to "criticise" the government, CM and their decisions.

BJP committee to thrash out dissent, other grouses at meet

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WITH questions of a change in leadership being raised by sundry party leaders, the BJP is considering holding a coordination committee meeting after the lockdown is lifted next Monday. Party president Nalin Kumar Kateel told The New Indian Express that the BJP coordination committee will meet in about a week's time, perhaps after June 14.

It may be recalled that with swift political developments, and increasing criticism against Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, the BJP had planned to constitute a state coordination committee about ten days ago.

Asked about the committee, Kateel said, "The committee will have senior ministers from the state and Centre, Jagadish Shettar, DV Sadananda Gowda, Pralhad Joshi, KS Eshwarappa and others."

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> Ravi Kumar, General Secretary

"There is much expectation that when the coordination committee meets, it will iron out serious differences within the party, address issues which have been raised, and lift the party's image," party general secretary Ravi Kumar said.

CM Yediyurappa, Nalin Kumar Kateel, party general secretaries Ravi Kumar, MLCs Ashwathnarayan, Siddaraj and Arun Kumar, cabinet ministers DyCM CN Ashwath Narayan, R Ashoka and Arvind Limbavali are said to make up the coordination committee. National General Secretary CT Ravi is also expected to be a part of the committee, besides state in-charge Arun Singh.

Ravi, who is on official tour to strengthen the party, said he will attend the meeting if he is in Bengaluru, or will participate virtually.

The central leadership has reportedly directed the party to constitute the committee to streamline party functioning. Issues like the signature campaign proposed by CM's Political Secretary M P Renukacharya are likely to be addressed. The meeting could be held on June 16 or 17, according to insiders.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa interacts with Asha workers through video conference in Bengaluru on Tuesday | EXPRESS

CM launches aid scheme for street vendors, hawkers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister BS Yediyurappa, who has been meeting various stakeholders of Covid management via video conference, spoke to select ASHA workers from various districts on Tuesday. The Chief Minister thanked them for their services and assured all help, over and above the Rs 3000 one-time financial assistance announced as part of the economic relief package.

The interaction comes at a time when ASHA workers are complaining of not receiving their honorarium for months now. The Chief Minister also launched a scheme to provide Rs 2,000 financial assistance to street vendors and hawkers.

> Registered street vendors need not apply separately to avail this benefit. The aid will automatically be transferred to them. During the first Covid wave, micro credit facility of up to Rs 10,000 was launched under the PM Street Vendors' Atmanirbhar Nidhi scheme
> BS Yediyurappa, CM

Around 2,16,439 street vendors registered under the Deendayal Antyodaya National Urban Livelihood scheme, are expected to benefit. A similar announcement was made last year as well, but only 1,91,684 street vendors received aid in their bank accounts. Yediyurappa said the money had been transferred to bank accounts linked to Aadhaar, and the process to link Aadhaar cards of the remaining beneficiaries to their bank accounts is under way.

"You have worked very hard in extremely dangerous and challenging conditions. As recognition for that selfless service, we announced a financial aid scheme for all Asha workers. All issues that concern you will be addressed," Yediyurappa assured them.

ASHA workers recalled their experience in carrying out testing, vaccine hesitancy, creating awareness and fighting prejudice over Covid-19 care centres, and the effort it takes to convince rural masses about Covid-appropriate behaviour.

EXPRESS READ

Call on lockdown in a day or two: DyCM

Bengaluru: With the lockdown in Karnataka being extended till June 14, a steady decline in the number of cases as well as positivity rate have thrown up possibilities of a phased unlock starting next week.

Responding to questions on the lockdown post June 14, Deputy Chief Minister CN Ashwath Narayan said a decision could be taken in a day or two. "The Chief Minister, after discussing with everyone, will take a decision on the measures that need to be taken," Narayan said on Tuesday. He indicated that Yediyurappa will hold a meeting with experts, ministers and officials. "... we will also have to ensure that cases don't increase again," he added. ENS

Siddu demands probe into land scam

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OPPOSITION leader Siddaramaiah has demanded that the state government order a probe by an independent agency into the alleged land scam that was a reason behind the public spat between two IAS officers in Mysuru, resulting in their transfer.

Speaking to reporters on Tuesday, the Congress leader blamed BJP MP Prathap Simha and former minister and JDS MLA Sa Ra Mahesh for the row between former Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri and former Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) commissioner Shilpa Nag.

"Earlier, Simha was in favour of Sindhuri, but he opposed her after some time. These leaders are the main reason behind the tussle between these two IAS officers,"

Rapping the two officers for talking to the media without permission, he said that transfer is not a punishment. "There is no administration. This is why the tussle has come out in the open," he said.

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Financial Bid Opening Date and Time	Date to be announced later by competent authority

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This public notice is given by me on behalf of my client, Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Sadashivanagar Branch, Bengaluru.
This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that one Mrs. Sudha Suresh had availed a staff housing loan from my client and deposited Original Sale Deed dated 28.10.1996 bearing document No. 4013/1996-97, in the office of Sub-registrar Rajajinagar, Peenya Bangalore, Bengaluru, with respect of the land bearing Site No.9 measuring East to West (14.9 + 15.5) /2 Meters and North to South 9 Meters having a total area of 136.80 Sq. Mtrs. in Survey No.86/2 & 86/3 situated at Saneguruvanahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk.
Now, Mrs. Sudha Suresh has repaid the loan. It is found by my client that the Page No.12, 13 and 14 of the said Sale Deed mentioned above are misplaced in the Bank and are not found in spite of due search.
If any member of public traces the same, the same may be handed over to below mentioned Address. Further if any person having custody and tries to misuse Page No.12, 13 and 14 of the Sale Deed, same shall not be binding on the said property and Mrs. Sudha Suresh. My client Bank will be issuing the certified copy of the said title document with a letter to the borrower confirming that the said pages of Sale Deed are misplaced and there is no charge of my client Bank on his property.
Hence this notice.
Date: 08.06.2021.
M/s. Sachin Bichu and Associates
#418/21, First Floor, 19th Cross Road, 1st and 3rd Block, Jayanagar Bengaluru-560011
Mob : 9742499808 / 9110224212
Email - office@bichuassociates.in

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This is to inform the General Public that, my Client intend to purchase the Schedule Property which is mentioned hereunder, from the present owner **Sri. Vinay R.D, S/o. Sri. D.S Ramakrishna & Late Smt. D.R Nagamani and Sri. D.S Ramakrishna,** Residing at No. 2798, 15th Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bangalore – 560070. If any person have any claim in any manner or objections in respect of the Schedule Property such persons shall claim with all supporting original documents within 7 days from today to the under signed in person.

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All that piece and parcel of the property bearing vacant Site No. 14 having BBMP Khatha No. 2272/219/14 in converted Sy No. 16/1 by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, vide Order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)/80/1998-99, dated 02/11/1998, V P Khatha No. 219, Situated at Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and measuring East to West : 60 Ft and North to South : 40 Ft, in all measuring 2,400 Sq Ft., presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded on :- East by: Site No. 2, West by: Road, North by : Site No. 13, South by: Site No. 15.

Date: 08.06.2021 Place: Bengaluru
Sd/- K.S CHANDRA SHEKAR
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Sd/-
N.V.MURALIDHAR, *B.Com., LLB.,*
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This is to inform the General Public that, my Client **Mrs. T. Thejavathi,** W/o J.R. Nagaraj, residing at No.14, Sriranga, 5th Main, 5th Block, 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, Banashankari, Bangalore-85, lost the original Sale Deed dated 27.08.1987, Document No.4030/1987-88, Book No.1, volume 2042 at pages 46-48, registered in the office of the sub registrar, BST, with respect to property bearing Site No.14, situated at Kathriguppe Village, Bangalore on 04.06.2021 at Kathriguppe, Bangalore on transit and my client has lodged a Police Complaint on 04.06.2021 before the Crime Branch Bangalore City vide Lost Article Report No.104168/2021. If any person/s who finds it is requested to return the same to me at below mentioned address.

K.P. Jayakrishna Kedilaya, Advocate
No.206, Sri Pearl Park Apartment R.V.C.E. Post, Mysore Road. Bangalore-560059. Cell: 9902039132

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/ Movable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1, Bengaluru** of the **Canara Bank**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on 14.07.2021 (10.30 AM to 11.00 AM),** for recovery of **₹. 29,04,44,879/-** with further interest and cost thereon due to the ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank from **1) Sri Janakiram Ashwini Kumar** R/o No 445/A,1st 'A' Cross 12th main 4th Block Koramangala Bangalore -560034, **2) Sri. Shankar K N** S/o Late Sri K Narayan, **3) Sri Madhukiran K** S/o Sri. Shankar K N, **4) Smt K Padmavathy (Guarantor)** W/o Sri. Shankar K N all at Sl No 2, 3 & 4 Reside at #1381, 18th main 2nd Phase JP Nagar Bangalore – 560078
The Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **12.07.2021 at 5.00** pm by way of DD favouring Authorized Officer Canara Bank ARM-1 Branch through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer - IFSC CODE CNRB0007952) to the credit of the account number **7952296000001,** Canara Bank, ARM Branch I, Bangalore.

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Place: Bangalore **Canara Bank**

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Latha D/ Dayanand- No B6/201 Bda Apartments Shri Thiruchi Mahaswamiji Road Bangalore - 560098- LBBNG00005259742	ITEM No.1: All that picce & parcel of the Converted land bearing Sy.No.21/5, measuring 03 Acres 01 Gunta, situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru (This property has been converted for non agricultural residential purposes, vide Conversion Order dated: 11.01.2010, bearing No. A.L.N (S.T) SR: 80/09-10, Order dated:07.01.2010, bearing No.A.L.N(S.T)SR:87/09-10 and Order dated:07.01.2010,bearing No. A.L.N (S.T) SR:81/09-10, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru) ITEM No.2: All that piece & parcel of the Converted land bearing Sy.No. 21/10, measuring 17 Guntas, situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru (This property has been converted for non agricultural residential purposes, vide Conversion Order dated:03.11.2008, bearing No. A.L.N (S.T)S.R:08/08-09, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru) SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY (PROPERTY CONVEYED UNDER THIS DEED) All that piece and parcel of Residential Site bearing No.141, Katha No.5/41 & E Katha No.150200302404021284, measuring East to West:9.14 meter and North to South:14.32 meter, in all total measuring 130.88 square meter, in the Layout known as "KNS ARCHISA" formed as per the Layout Plan sanctioned by the Magadi Planning Authority vide No.MPA/LAO/07/2013-14, dated:21.11.2013, formed in Sy. Nos. 21/5 & 21/10 (Schedule "A" Property), situated at Donnenahalli Village, Tavarckere Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk.	30.03.2021 Rs. 1542369	06.08. 2020
2.	M Harsha/ Pooja H -no 253 Smrithi 15th Main Rmv Extn Sadashivanagar Bangalore, Bangalore - 560080- LBBNG00002413033	A-SCHEDULE PROPERTY- All that piece and parcel of the Composite immovable property bearing No.118 (Old BDA No. 631 & 632,Rajajinagar 3rd Stage Extension), 9th Main Road, Bangalore, including all rights, privileges and appurtenances thereto and measuring East to West (68+55)/2 Feet and North to South (64+63)/2 Feet, B-SCHEDULE PROPERTY-All that piece and parcel of Residential 1 BHK Property Flat bearing No.302, on the Second Floor of the Building Known as "AVIGNAA HABITAT" built on schedule A property having a built up area of approximately 550 Square Feet 302, of the building with Right to pass through all the Common Passages leading to the Main road and free agress and ingress at all times and entitle for all the common amenities, along with 175 Square Feet of Undivided Share,Right,Title and interest in the SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY.	25.03.2021 Rs. 3394419	06.08. 2020

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : June 09, 2021 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

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General Manager (HR), MAHA-Metro, Pune

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

9,808 CASES REPORTED TODAY

11,958 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY	27,17,289
YESTERDAY	27,07,481

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
179	340

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
23,449	27,299

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
2,25,004	2,38,824

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	8.80%
YESTERDAY	8.80%

The day positivity rate – 8.80 % today – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.18%
YESTERDAY	1.17%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	90.53 %
YESTERDAY	89.99%

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until June 6, 2021, a total of 26,95,523 cases have been reported in 1 year and 89 days...

1,56,76,863 Total doses administered in state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Number of people completing vaccination	29,07,688
Health care workers 1st dose	7,29,075
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,77,210
Frontline workers 1st dose	6,59,151
Frontline workers 2nd dose	2,20,415
Age 18-45 1st dose	22,87,461
Age 18-45 2nd dose	4,293
Above 45 1st dose	90,93,488
Above 45 2nd dose	22,05,770

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES LAST 24 HOURS

2028 BENGALURU URBAN

125 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkote - 46	Chamarajnagara - 106	Dakshina Kannada - 525	Hassan - 659	Kolar - 298	Raichur - 56	Udupi - 205
Ballari - 212	Chikkaballapur - 173	Davanagere - 384	Haveri - 211	Koppal - 165	Ramanagara - 42	Uttara Kannada - 187
Belagavi- 443	Chikkamagaluru - 287	Dharwad - 275	Kalaburagi - 63	Mandya - 387	Shivamogga - 703	Vijayapura - 152
Bidar - 10	Chitradurga - 196	Gadag - 78	Kodagu - 196	Mysuru - 974	Tumakuru - 589	Yadagir - 33

Districts too will have expert panels to manage third wave

Technical Expert Committees will guide the administration at the local level

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

TO ensure that rural parts of Karnataka are better prepared to tackle the third wave of the pandemic, the State Government has decided to set up Covid-19 Technical Expert Committees (TECs) in each district to provide technical guidance to the district administration.

According to Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr K Sudhakar, each of the committees is likely to have a team of five experts, who will work in tandem with the state's Technical Advisory Committee.

The district committee will consist of senior specialists in public health, district surveillance officers, pulmonologists, paediatricians, intensivists, obstetricians, microbiologists and surveillance medical officers of World Health Organisation (WHO) and other organisations. Also, a senior AYUSH physician will be part of it. One of them will be selected as chairperson and the District Health and Family Welfare Officer will be a special invitee.

The committee members will meet once every 15 days and, if need be, more frequently. The decision to form the committees was taken to control the positivity rate in taluks and districts as well as to ensure that the pandemic doesn't claim more lives.

"From the experience of two waves of Covid, we know that micro-planning is the key to ensuring that the third wave, anticipated between October and November, is not really a wave, but only a ripple with just a few cases. For this, there is a definite need to involve people working on the field in rural parts of the state," said a senior officer from the Health Department.

The TEC will pursue the guidelines issued by the central and state governments, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), AIIMS, WHO and other organisations. It will also review the data at the district-level and compare it with other districts, state and country on a continual basis. The committee will help the district administration by utilising the information obtained locally and facilitate public health actions and containment measures.

"The district administration will then be guided to make decisions that are in consonance with the state and national guidelines," a health officer said.

CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES

- Specialists from public health
- District surveillance officers
- Pulmonologists
- Paediatricians
- Intensivists
- Obstetricians
- Microbiologists
- Surveillance medical Officer-WHO and other organisations
- AYUSH physician
- District Health Officer as special invitee

A vendor sets up shop during the lockdown relaxation hours in Dharwad on Tuesday

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

Task force to assess mental health of doctors

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

FOR doctors and healthcare workers, a patient's recovery is their sole reward in a long and unending battle against a deadly virus. Deep down, they too have anxieties and worries for themself and their families.

The uncertainty of the pandemic and little knowledge of the virus has taken a toll on the mental health of doctors and health workers, who have been in the forefront since the outbreak of the pandemic. So, to better understand and address them, the Indian Psychiatric Society (IPS) has formed a task force to create a database on the emotional and psychological issues of doctors.

The IPS task force - Dr for Drs - is headed by Arun Kandasamy, Additional Professor of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS). "Doctors are facing real-life issues. Uncertainty regarding the virus, its duration and management is at the core of the mental health of most doctors. Huge death loads and certifying deaths, inability to take in genuine patients in the intensive care unit (ICU) due to lack of beds, especially during the second wave, has had a huge effect on their mental health," said Dr Kandasamy.

He added that while India may be exiting the current wave of the pandemic, mental health issues need to be addressed to prevent a long-term impact.

Apart from the IPS, there are helplines for doctors and health workers to address their mental and psycho-social issues. The national helpline - 80-46110007 - launched by NIMHANS in March last year to provide psycho-social help to people in the wake of the pandemic, has a dedicated line (5) for doctors and health workers.

Besides, NIMHANS and the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Karnataka Chapter, have created a dedicated programme - Vaidya Manovani -- under the 'Dr to Drs' - exclusively to address the mental health and psycho-social issues of doctors, said Dr K Sekar, head of the Centre for Disaster Management, NIMHANS.

Villagers shun the jab, say will end their lives

K SHIVAKUMAR @ Mysuru

AWARENESS campaigns notwithstanding, people in rural areas still seem to be wary of taking the Covid-19 vaccine. The vaccine hesitancy can be gauged from the fact that villagers of Shivapura in Gundlupet taluk even threatened to commit suicide if the health workers insist that they take the jab.

During a task force meeting in Shivapura Gram Panchayat on Tuesday, an ASHA worker revealed before District Incharge Minister S Suresh Kumar that it is difficult to work as villagers remain reluctant to take the jab though they have been visiting people with an appeal to get vaccinated and even apprised them of the health benefits. She said the villagers threatened to commit suicide if they forced any more and added that neither the Gram Panchayat president nor members have shown interest in educating the people.

In another incident at Baragi Colony in Gundlupet taluk, the Health Department staff, who were on a door-to-door vaccination drive, were for a rude shock when Muniyappa, a physically disabled person, who was in an inebriated condition, menacingly came out of his house holding a sickle when he was asked to get the jab. Thankfully, Muniyappa's grandmother intervened and snatched the sickle from his hand. As the health staff ran in fear, the panchayat officials pulled up Muniyappa. The family members requested the health staff not to file a complaint with the police.

Though Muniyappa was briefed about the benefits of vaccination, he quietly walked away.

'Smoking gun evidence against lab'

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DR T Jacob John said, "There is smoking gun evidence in molecular biology that point to the possibility that it is a lab-manipulated virus."

Interestingly, as reported by a section of the media, Indian biologists from Kusuma School of Biological Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi, had reportedly detected four gene insertions in SARS-CoV-2 virus' spike protein which is its weapon to attach to the human cells and gain entry into the body. This was as early as January 2020. However, the study which was not peer reviewed was withdrawn on February 2 last year.

Meanwhile, the focus has turned on a report by US government's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, California, which conducted a study in May 2020, stating that the hypothesis of a virus leak from the Wuhan laboratory was plausible and needs to be investigated thoroughly.

NEW FINDINGS

Immediate kangaroo care reduces infant mortality by 25% : WHO study

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

A WORLD Health Organization study, titled 'Immediate Kangaroo Mother Care and Survival of Infants with Low Birth Weight', done in five hospitals in Ghana, India, Malawi, Nigeria and Tanzania involving infants with low birth weight between 1.0 and 1.799 kg, has found that babies that received immediate kangaroo care (skin-to-skin contact with mother and breastfeeding), saw reduced mortality by 25 per cent, as opposed to the babies that received kangaroo care after stabilisation (conventional care in an incubator or radiant warmer).

The intervention group that involved immediate kangaroo care included 3,211 infants and their mothers, while the control group included 1,609 infants with their mothers. Neonatal death occurred in the first 28 days in 191 infants in the intervention group and in 249 infants in the control group. Neonatal death in the first 72 hours of life occurred in 74 infants in the intervention group and in 92 infants in the control group.

Among infants with low birth weight, those who received immediate kangaroo mother care had lower mortality at 28 days than those who received conventional care with kangaroo mother care initiated after stabilization.

Dr Suman Rao, Professor, Neonatology Department, St John's Medical College, and corresponding author of the study, said usually, babies are weighed at birth and if less, they are shifted to the ICU to treat them for breathing difficulty, put on ventilator or CPAP machine, tube-fed or given IV fluids. Only after they are stabilized are they returned to the mother for kangaroo care.

"However, here, the mother was kept along with the baby even when it was sick and unstable, along with a warmer and incubator. Kangaroo care was given for long periods of time, at an average of 17 hours per day. This reduced infection and mortality significantly in babies. Usually, there is a perception that the mother should not enter the NICU as she can be unclean and infect the baby. But this study changes that perception," said Dr Rao, who is also a consultant for the WHO.

In the control group, babies received kangaroo care only for an average of 1.5 hours per day. In the babies which did not survive in both the intervention and control group, the causes included respiratory distress, infection, congenital malformation, asphyxia, etc.

"Keeping the mother and baby together right from birth with zero separation will revolutionise the way neonatal intensive care is practised for babies born early or small. When started at the soonest possible time, kangaroo mother care can save more lives, and improve health outcomes for babies," said Dr Rajiv Bahl, Head of the Newborn Unit at WHO.

EN ROUTE TO HOSPITAL, YOUTH GETS REPORT HE'S ALREADY JABBED

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

A 24-year-old youth, who had booked a vaccination slot for Tuesday, was shocked to get a message that he had already been vaccinated even as he was on his way to the hospital in JP Nagar. What's more, he received the vaccination certificate too!

Aditya Roy, a resident of Jallahalli, had booked a slot through the CoWIN portal and was scheduled to be vaccinated at Aster RV Hospital between 1 pm and 4 pm on June 8. But, on his way there, he got a text message stating that he has been successfully vaccinated with the first dose of Covishield, along with the link to download his vaccination certificate.

"I was shocked when I received the message that I was already vaccinated. My vaccination certificate was also available on the portal. After trying for a couple of days, I had finally got a slot. And then this happened. I was confused and furious and also feared losing out on my first dose," Roy said.

When he checked with the hospital, they denied any error on their part, and claimed that some other person must have come with Roy's Aadhaar card and gotten inoculated.

He added, "After an argument, the hospital asked me to register to get the vaccination. But, at the registration counter too, I was told that I had already been vaccinated. However, after talking to the hospital again, they vaccinated me."

Roy has raised the matter with the BBMP South Zone officials. "I raised the issue with the KAS officer who asked me to write a mail to the Special Commissioner for Health. I will mail the officer too," he said.

When *The New Indian Express* contacted the hospital, they said that they have already raised the issue with the BBMP as it could have happened due to a technical glitch.

4,130 out of every lakh tested positive

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AS per the Health Ministry, the five most affected states by total cases are Maharashtra (5,842,000), Karnataka (2,707,481), Kerala (2,642,395), Tamil Nadu (2,256,681), and Andhra Pradesh (1,763,211), as of June 7.

As per COVID19india.org, the top most affected districts in terms of active cases are Bengaluru Urban, Mysuru, Hassan, Tumakuru and Belagavi. In Bengaluru Urban, 44 deaths took the city's toll to 15,118. There were 7,664 discharges which took total recoveries to 10,70,062

"In all, 4,130 out of every lakh people in Karnataka have tested positive. For every 100 confirmed cases, eight are currently infected. For every 100 confirmed cases, 91 have recovered. For every 100 confirmed cases, one has unfortunately passed away. In the last one week, 10.4 per cent of samples came back positive. For every lakh people in Karnataka, 46,707 samples were tested," the website stated.

A health worker collects swab samples from a child at the KSR Railway Station in Bengaluru on Tuesday | VINOD KUMAR T

IN COVID TIMES

Live-streaming of funerals brings families together

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

WITH the lockdown norms limiting the number of people at funerals and cremations to just five, there is a steady rise in live-streaming of funerals in Mangaluru, Udupi and surrounding areas. While the middle class prefer live-streaming the last rites on Facebook and other social media platforms, some well-to-do families are ready to shell out more for it by live-streaming the funerals on local news websites that have good reach even abroad, especially the Gulf countries.

Naizil Rodrigues, a PG student of journalism at St Aloysius College and a freelance photographer, said he has live-streamed three funerals in Kinnigoli during the last one month. "Three people died in our Kirem parish in the last one month and I live-streamed all three funeral services. While some do it on their own using mobile phones, there are also people who hire videographers to do it in order to give it a professional touch," he said.

The trend has come as a helping hand for photographers who were in distress due to the lockdown. While they earn up to ₹1,500 for live-streaming of a funeral via mobile phone, they get ₹1,000 more if it's done using a video camera. Local channels are charging up to ₹20,000 for the service.

Prakash, a professional photographer who recently live-streamed a funeral in Kulshekar, said the trend is more common among the Christian community. "In the past, not many funerals were live-streamed and it all began with the second wave of Covid-19. Families whose close relatives live abroad, who cannot take part in funerals, are opting for live-streaming. Since it is also cost-effective, families readily agree for the service," he said.

A funeral mass in Mangaluru being live-steamed | EXPRESS

GODOWN FIRE CAUSES ₹1 CR LOSS

An accidental fire broke out in a godown housing electronic spare parts on Lalbagh Road in Sampangiram Nagar police station limits on Tuesday, gutting goods worth Rs 1 crore. However, what caused the fire is yet to be ascertained.

Wife, son get life term for NRI businessman's murder

The lawyer of accused says allegation made by the prosecution is false, to approach High Court against the district court's order

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Udupi

FIVE years after the sensational murder of NRI businessman Bhaskar Shetty, District and Sessions Court here on Tuesday sentenced his wife Rajeshwari Shetty, son Navaneeth Shetty and her paramour Niranjan Bhat to life imprisonment after convicting them. While the fourth accused, Srinivas -- father of Niranjan Bhat, has died, the fifth accused Raghavendra, a driver, was acquitted for lack of evidence.

Bhaskar Shetty was murdered on July 28, 2016 at his residence in Indrali and his body was cut into pieces and burnt in a 'Homakunda' (holy fire pit) at a Yagashal in Nandalike. Considering the importance of the case, the government transferred it to the CID in August 2016.

Rajeshwari Shetty, wife of Bhaskar Shetty (right), leaves the courthouse after she was sentenced for her husband's murder, in Udupi on Tuesday | EXPRESS

The 52-year-old Bhaskar, who was running a chain of supermarkets in Saudi Arabia and a hotel in Udupi, had returned to his hometown in May 2016, two months before his murder. He soon came to know about his wife's affair with Niranjan, who was the family priest. Bhaskar also chanced upon an intimate picture of his wife with the priest. Rajeshwari and their son Navaneeth plotted to eliminate Bhaskar fearing that he would disinherit them.

Bhaskar's mother Gulabi filed a missing complaint with the Manipal police the day after the murder after she could not contact Bhaskar over phone. In her complaint, Gulabi had suspected that her daughter-in-law and grandson could be behind his disappearance. Eight days after the murder, the police took Rajeshwari and Navaneeth into custody and during the investigation, it was revealed that he was murdered.

Justice Subramanya J M announced the quantum of punishment on Tuesday. A release from the CID said that there were no eyewitnesses in the case and the team had collected circumstantial and scientific evidence leading to the conviction.

Pradeep Kumar, the lawyer for the accused, said they will appeal against the lower court order before the High court. "The allegation made by the prosecution against the accused is false and there is no evidence or eyewitnesses. The DNA of the deceased too is not proved. The bones and blood stains collected as evidence is that of a woman. The confession by the accused is not prima facie evidence as it is done before police and not judiciary," he said.

The burglars Sanju Sahu (left) and Shubankar, who were arrested

Cops nab two for burglary, recover ₹90L

ENS @ Bengaluru

BAGALGUNTE police arrested two notorious burglars and seized Rs 90 lakh from them. Interestingly, the house owner was not aware of the theft till the police came to conduct spot mahazar after arresting the duo.

The accused are Shubankar (21) and Sanju Sahu (26), who hail from West Bengal and were working in a factory in the city.

The incident took place a month ago and the accused committed theft at the residence of Irappa, a retired government officer in MHR Layout. Soon after stealing Rs 90 lakh in cash, the duo hired a cab to flee and was heading towards Kolkata. Their vehicle was checked at Andhra Pradesh border and police found the cash. When the duo was interrogated, they revealed about the burglary. Bagalagunte police were alerted and they were taken into custody. The police took them to conduct spot mahazar and Irappa was not at his house. His neighbours called him and told that the police are at his house regarding a case.

Irappa, who was in Chintamani, rushed to his house. He told police that he had kept the money to pay for his grandson's MBBS seat and had also borrowed cash from his relatives for renovating his house. The police gathered all the details and handed over the cash to Irappa.

HC PERMITS POLICE TO RELEASE VEHICLES, STATE TO GET ₹9 CR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE seizure of vehicles for violating lockdown norms across Karnataka is likely to fetch the state exchequer over Rs 9 crore in revenue. On Tuesday, the Karnataka High Court permitted jurisdictional police officers to release over 1.50 lakh vehicles to their owners, after verification of documents and deposition of money.

A special division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Aravind Kumar permitted police to release the vehicles. The amount fixed for release of vehicles is Rs 500 each for two-wheelers, Rs. 1,000 for three- and four-wheelers, and Rs 2,000 for other vehicles. This was in response to the application filed by the state government. According to statistics submitted to court, a total of 1,37,503 two-wheelers, 7,432 four-wheelers and 7,123 other vehicles were seized across the state by police.

Noting that it is difficult to park a large number of vehicles, and judicial officers will be overburdened if owners are told to approach court for release of vehicles, the court said if persons claiming to be owners of the vehicles make an application to the jurisdictional police officers to grant custody of the vehicles, police officers can verify ownership and give custody of the vehicles.

The court added that the amounts to be paid by the vehicle owners will be treated as deposits and the same can be appropriated towards payment of fine, if ultimately fine is imposed on the owners.

Govt questioned about registering on Seva Sindhu for compensation

BENGALURU: The HC sought the government's response on a plea questioning the submission of applications mandatorily through the Seva Sindhu portal to avail one-time compensation of Rs 2,000 announced for workers of the unorganised sector, as relief in view of the lockdown. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj passed the order after hearing a PIL filed by Domestic Workers' Rights Union. The government must ensure that all those who are eligible to receive this benefit must get it, the court added. It recording the announcement of the government that even domestic workers from other states working in Karnataka are eligible.

Police on lookout for man who kidnapped, killed 10-year-old

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Hebbagodi police have launched a manhunt for Mohammed Javed Shaik, a CCTV technician, who had allegedly kidnapped and murdered a 10-year-old boy on Friday.

Mohammed Asif Alam, son of MD Abbas -- a mason from Gollahalli Road at Shikaripalya in Jigani, was abducted while he was playing outside his house on the evening of June 4.

While Abbas had received a ransom call demanding Rs 25 lakh for the safe release of his son, Alam's body was found in an abandoned shed at a residential layout about 5 km from his house, on Saturday. The assailant had smashed his head with a boulder. Investigation had revealed that Shaik, who lived in the same building, had kidnapped a 13-year-old boy from the same building on Friday afternoon. As the boy resisted, he had freed him. The same evening, he abducted Alam and later joined the latter's father and the police in searching for him.

Police sources said Shaik had murdered the boy fearing arrest, as the father had lodged a police complaint. "He had fled the city soon after killing the boy. We have formed special teams to nab him," an official said.

Meanwhile, the police, who had arrested Mohammed Noushad and Siraj from Raipur in Chattisgarh, have brought the duo to the city and are questioning them. The ransom call was traced to Raipur and the police had arrested the two, who had made the call at the instance of their relative, Shaik. It was revealed that Shaik planned the kidnap to make money, as his wedding was fixed with his girlfriend in Mumbai.

CRIME PATROL

Police nab 2 for planning dacoity

Bengaluru: Marathalli police have arrested two youths, who were allegedly preparing for a dacoity, and have seized a range of weapons from them. Keerthi (23) and Manjunath alias Supari Manja (23), both residents of Bhoganahalli in Bellandur, were aspiring to become rowdies, police said.

Anticipatory bail for 2 in CD-gate case

Bengaluru: A city court has granted anticipatory bail to Naresh Gowda BM and R Shravan Kumar, who were wanted by the SIT probing the sleaze tape case involving former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi. Gowda and Kumar were absconding since March first week after the sleaze tape surfaced.

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Government of Karnataka
District Health and Family Welfare Office Koppal

NO: Store/KKRDB/38/2021-22 Date:- 06.06.2021

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E-procurement Short Tender has been called for the supply of Paediatric Cum adult Ventilators for the Treatment of COVID-19 to the GH Kustagi of Koppal District under the Kalyana-Karnataka Regional Development Board Kalaburgi. (Macro project 2021-22)

1) Last date and time for filing of tenders: **22-06-2021 on before at 2:00 PM.** 2) Opening Date of Technical Bid: **24-06-2021 at 2:00 PM.** 3) Opening Date of Financial Bid: **26-06-2021 at 11:00 AM**

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Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer Koppal

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Ref. No.	Name of the Items	EMD (Rs.)	Annual Turnover
No: IGICH/SUP(1)/ DRG.DIS.SUT./2021-22	Drugs, Disposable & Sutures	Rs. 30,000/-	Rs. 5,00,00,000/-
No: IGICH/ADMIN/ TEND/1/2021-22	Supply of Lab & Blood bank Chemicals & Reagents Rate Contract	Rs. 25,000/-	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-
No: IGICH/TEND/ FFP/1/2021-22	Uniform exchange of excess plasma	Rs. 25,000/-	-

The Tender Documents will be available online for download from **09.06.2021 to 08.07.2021** in the e-Procurement portal **eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. The last date and time for submission of bids online in the e-Procurment portal is **08.07.2021 at 5.00 PM**. E-Procurment portal fee shall be payable tender(s) received will be opened online in the e-Procurement portal on **12.07.2021**. Tender accepting authority reserves the right to accept/reject/cancel the tender(s) without assigning any reasons.

Sd/- Director,
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LOOK OUT NOTICE

Sri.Sandeep Saju, age 22 S/O Saju, Anjaneyam veedu, Pothappally muri, Alappuzha district who is the accused in Cr148/2017 U/s 302 IPC & 3(2) (v) of SC/ST POA Act of Haripad Police Station, he is absconding after the commission of the crime. If any clue or information is obtained about him that may be intimated immediately to **Haripad station SHO, Deputy Superintendent of Police Kayamkulam, District Police Chief Alappuzha.**

Description

Height	: 168 cm
Complexion	: Medium
Body Shape	: Fat
Wearing dress	: Not Known.

Sub Inspector of Police, Haripad PS - 9497980271
DySP Kayamkulam - 9497990044
District Police Chief, Alappuzha - 94979 96982

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3) **KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/2020-21/PTK/ Enhancement of 8.0MVA PTR by 12.5MVA PTR@66/11 KV S/S Hansi Dt.08-04-2021/CALL-2.** for Enhancement of 8.0MVA, 66/11 KV Power Transformer 1 by 12.5MVA, 66/11 Power Transformer at 66/11 KV **Hansi** Sub-Station in Hagari Bommanahalli Tq, Ballari District.

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Date : 3rd June 2021 **REGISTRAR (I/c)**

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COMMON RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF OFFICERS (SCALE-I, II & III) AND OFFICE ASSISTANTS (MULTIPURPOSE) IN REGIONAL RURAL BANKS (RRBs) - CRP RRBs X

The online examinations for the next Common Recruitment Process for RRBs (CRP RRBs X) for recruitment of Group "A"- Officers (Scale-I, II & III) and Group "B"- Office Assistant (Multipurpose) will be conducted by the Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS) tentatively in August and September/October 2021. The interviews for recruitment of Group "A"- Officers (Scale-I, II & III) under the same process will be coordinated by the Nodal Regional Rural Banks with the help of NABARD and IBPS in consultation with appropriate authority tentatively in the month of November 2021.

Candidates, intending to apply for CRP RRB – X should ensure that they fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria on the stipulated date as specified in the detailed notification issued and hosted on authorised website by IBPS.

Activity	Tentative Dates
On-line registration including Edit/ Modification of Application & Payment of Application Fees/ Intimation Charges	**08.06.2021 to 28.06.2021**
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training (PET)*	**19.07.2021 to 25.07.2021**
Online Examination – Preliminary	**August, 2021**
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	September 2021
Online Examination – Main/Single	September/ October 2021

*** In case it is possible and safe to hold PET**

Candidates are advised to regularly keep in touch with the authorised IBPS website www.ibps.in for details and updates.

Before registering online candidates are advised to read the detailed notification carefully and follow the instructions mentioned therein.

Mumbai
Date: 08.06.2021 **Director**

General

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No. IIITMK/0076/2021 07.06.2021

INVITE APPLICATIONS

Invite applications for the posts of

1) Business Development Manager (Sales & Marketing) – 1 post, 2) Training Manager- 1 post, 3) Technical Assistant (IT) – 1 post, 4) BD Intern – 4 posts, 5) HR Intern - 2 posts, 6) Teaching Intern – 3 posts, 7) Entrepreneurship Intern – 4 posts.

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KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.
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KRCL has published Employment Notifications for various posts on contract basis. Details are as under:

1) **Notification No. CO/P-R/2C/2021 dated 02/06/2021** for Accounts Department.

Post	No. of Post	Post	No. of Post
Dy. GM (Finance)	1	Asst. Accounts Officer	2
Section Officer	2	Accounts Assistant	7

2) **Notification No. CO/P-R/3C/2021 dated 02/06/2021.**
Post : Medical Officer **No. of Post :** 1
Place of Posting : Karwar, Karnataka.

Notifications will be open up to **17:30 hrs.** of **01/07/2021.**

Candidates may see the details of notification, eligibility criteria, etc. on the KRCL's website **www.konkanrailway.com** at the link **> Recruitment > Current Notification** and apply accordingly.

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TUNGABHADRA BOARD: TB DAM

e-Procurement Notice IFB Nos.14/2021-22 & 15/2021-22 Dt.19.05.2021(2nd Call)

Tender for total 02 Nos. of works costing below Rs.50.00 Lakh in respect of HW & HLC Division, TB Dam are invited through 'e-Procurement'.

Bid Document downloading Start Date & Time	: 09.06.2021 at 11.00 AM
Bid Document downloading End Date & Time	: 23.06.2021 at 3.00 PM
Last Date & Time for submission of Bids	: 23.06.2021 at 5.30 PM
Date of opening of Commercial Stage	: 24.06.2021 at 11.00 AM

Further details can be seen @https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in

Ph: 08394-259114
Fax: 08394-259167

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer,
I.B, TB Board, TB Dam

TAMILNADU CEMENTS CORPORATION LIMITED

(A GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU UNDERTAKING)
L.L.A. Building, II Floor, 735, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002.

E-TENDER NOTICE

e-tender Reference No.	NAME OF THE WORK	Value (Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)	Due Date
06/2021-22	Appointment of Transport Contractor(s) for movement of packed cement from New 1 MTPA Plant at Ariyalur Cement Works to various destinations in TN, Puducherry & Kerala on Fixed rate contract basis.	50.00 Crore	50,000	09.07.2021
07/2021-22	Appointment of Transport Contractor(s) for movement of packed cement from Old Plant at Ariyalur Cement Works to various destinations in TN, Puducherry & Kerala on Fixed rate contract basis.	25.00 Crore	50,000	09.07.2021

Important Note : The Bidder who agree the fixed rate proposed in the above Tenders only can participate and submit their offer. The Tender documents can be downloaded from **www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/1716 /TENDER/2021 GENERAL MANAGER (MARKETING)

भारतीय कंटेनर निगम लिमिटेड Container Corporation of India Ltd.,

(भारत सरकार का नवरत्न उपक्रम) (A Navratna Undertaking of Govt. of India)

NOTICE INVITING E- TENDER

CONCOR invites E-Tender in Single Packet System of tendering for the following work:-

Tender No.	CON/EP/A-III/Eoff-50767/P-WayMaint./WFD & CCPP/2021-22
Name of Work	Annual Maintenance of Railway Siding and Allied work for the period of 24 months at ICD-Whitefield (Bangalore) CCPP – NMPT (Mangalore)
Estimated Cost	₹128.63 Lakhs (including GST)
Completion Period	24 Months
Earnest Money Deposit	Submission of Bid Security Declaration in lieu of EMD Deposit
Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	₹1,000/- (inclusive of all taxes & duties) (through e-payment).
Tender Processing Fee (Non-refundable)	₹ 5,310/- (inclusive of all taxes & duties) (through e-payment).
Date of sale of Tender (online)	09-06-2021 (from 15:00 hrs.) to 30-06-2021 (up to 17:00 hrs.)
Date & Time of submission of Tender	01-07-2021 up to 17:00 hrs.
Date & Time of Opening of Tender	05-07-2021 at 15:00 hrs.

For financial eligibility criteria, experience with respect to similar nature of work, etc, please refer to detailed Tender Notice available on the website **www.concorindia.co.in**, but the complete tender document can be downloaded from the website **www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL** only. Further, Corrigendum/Addendum to this Tender, if any, will be published on the website : **www.concorindia.co.in, www.tenderwizard.com/CCIL** and Central Procurement Portal (CPP) only. Newspaper press advertisement shall not be issued for the same.

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Short e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Ref No.05/2021-22, Supply of Polypropylene Woven Bags to Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur District, Tamil Nadu. Value Rs.17.77 Crores. EMD: Rs.5.00 Lakhs.

Submission of tender : up to 3.00 P.M on 18.06.2021

Important Note : The tender documents can be downloaded from **www.tntenders.gov.in.** Corrigendum / Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.

DIPR/1715/TENDER/2021 GENERAL MANAGER (MARKETING)

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

DISTRICT RURAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, NAMAKKAL DISTRICT

e- tender - SCPAR 2020 - 2021

TENDER NOTICE No.1562/2020/A8 Dated : 07.06.021

SCPAR 2020 - 2021 Re-Tender Notice

Online Tenders are invited from contractors for Construction of Integrated Office Complex for RD & PR Department Building in Namakkal District in the prescribed tender schedule.

Last date and time of tender document available & Upload	24.06.2021 - 03.00 P.M.
Date of Tender Opening	24.06.2021 - 04.00 P.M.

Note:
1. All details downloaded from the website **www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/1700 /TENDER/2021 Project Director, DRDA, Namakkal

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

WORKS DEPARTMENT

B-135 E-mail : ceworldbankproiects@gmail.com

Bid Identification No. CE-W.B.P. (O) - 02/ 2021-22

1.

Sl. No	Name of work	Estimated cost (Rs.)	Period of completion	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5
01	Construction of Concrete Pavement on Barsuan Birsamunda Chhak to Bankabazar road from 1.000 Km to 3.700 Km under DMF fund in the District of Sundargarh for the year 2020-21	13,72,88,000/-	9 (Nine) Calendar Months	Super & Special Class

2. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal from **10.00 AM of 10.06.2021 to 5.00 PM of 24.06.2021 for online bidding.**
3. Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal upto **5.00 PM of 24.06.2021 and to be opened on 25.06.2021 at 11.30 AM.**
4. Name and address of the officer inviting Bid: **Chief Engineer, World Bank Project, Odisha, Nirman Soudha, Unit -V, Bhubaneswar - 751001.**
5. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"https://tendersodisha.gov.in"**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, World Bank Project, Odisha OIPR- 34003/11/0004/2122

Government of Odisha

1st Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. S.E.Ctc.(R&B) 5/2021-22

E-mail.ID-sectcrb_2006@yahoo.co.in, Tel/Fax – 0671-2301751/2302751

Tender Reference - S.E.Ctc.(R&B) 5/2021-22

B-133: The Bid availability period and Date of opening of the tenders have been modified as follows:-

Sl. No.	Bid Identification No.	Bid Availability period as per Tender Notice	Revised Bid Availability period	Bid opening Date as per Tender Notice	Revised opening Date
1	S.E.Ctc.(R&B) 5/2021- 22	04.06.2021 to 16.00 Hours of 21.06.2021	11.06.2021 to 16.00 Hours of 28.06.2021	22.06.2021 at 11.00 Hours	29.06.2021 at 11.00 Hours

Further details can be seen from the website https://tendersorissa.gov.in.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Cuttack (R&B) Circle OIPR- 34012/11/0009/2122

Shivamogga, Davanagere And Chitradurga Dist Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd.,

Machenahalli, Nidige Post, Shivamogga – 577 222

IFT:No:SDCMUL/PUR/E.Proc/Tender-281C/1781/2021-22 Date:04.06.2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Through GOK E-Procurement Portal only - Logon to: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Shivamogga, Davanagere and Chitradurga Dist Co-Operative Milk Producer's Societies Union Ltd., invites in two tender document system i.e. technical and commercial system from the manufactures or from interested eligible bidders for supply of following materials.

S.N	Particulars	Qty	EMD (in ₹)
1	Supply and Installation of ink jet printer set including all its accessories (Advanced version) at Shivamogga Dairy.	02 Nos	Declaration form in the prescribed format
2	Supply of Rubber cow mats at specified place of shivamogga dairy and chilling centers.	10,000 Nos	Declaration form in the prescribed format

1. Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement Portal of GOK from : 09.06.2021
2. Date of pre bid meeting at shivamogga dairy : 18.06.2021 at 11.00 Hours
3. Last date for uploading the filled Tender documents : on or before 12.07.2021 up to 16.00 Hours
4. Date of opening of Technical Tender : 13.07.2021 at 17.00 Hours
5. Date of opening of Commercial Tender : 15.07.2021 at 17.00 Hours

The bidder may download the tender documents with the Technical Specification & Terms & conditions of the tender by paying e-portal fees. The details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by login to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Any additional information regarding tender may be obtained from A.M (Pur) during office hours, contact nos: **08182-246161, 246163 Mob: 7760971951**.

Sd/- Managing Director,
Shimoga, Davanagere and Chithradurga Dist.
Co-Ope Milk Producers' Society Union Ltd., Shimoga

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Smt. Shilpa.K,** W/o Sri. A. Muniraju, C/o Lakshmi Bai. M.D., No.37/1, 2nd Main Road, Adi Kabir Ashram Road, Moti Nagar, Matadahalli, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru-560 032 is intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule property from **Sri. P. Anil Kumar, S/o A. Peddanna.**

Any person/s have any right, title, interest / claims or possession over the Schedule property can file their objections in writing with documentary proof to the above mentioned address, ***within Fifteen days*** from the date of this publication. If objections are not received within the time, it will be presumed that there are no any impediments or claims to conclude the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Property bearing New No.13, Old No.24, PID No.96-86-13, situated at Hebbala, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,** now under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.96, Rajarajeshwari Block, Bengaluru, **measuring: East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 square feet** and having **Four Floors RCC Building** and bounded on the:

East by: Property No.23,
West by: Property No.25,
North by: Road,
South by: Property No.27.

Sd/-
H. Jayarama Reddy, *Advocate,*
Narayanappa Building, 2nd Floor,
Above Prince Dry Cleaners, Vasanthappa Block,
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ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Waseeq Ur Rahman Khan Moulvie/ Layeeq Ur Rahaman Khan M/ Masood Ahmed A - No 1118 Sithara Manzil 7th Cross Pipeline Robert Sonpet Kolar, Kolar - 563122/ LBBNG00002937027	SCHEDULE – 'A' PROPERTY (Description of the Entire Property) All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing converted SY. Nos, 163/3/ & 163/2 (converted vide the order bearing No.ALN (EVH) SR 587/2011-12, dated 18/06/2012, converted vide the order bearing No.ALN (EVH) SR 5/2012-13, dated 18/06/2012, both the order passed by the Deputy commissioner, Bangalore), totally measure about 2 Acres 19 Guntas, situated at varthur village, varthur Hobli, earlier Bangalore south Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, SCHEDULE – 'B' PROPERTY (Property hereby agreed to be sold to the PURCHASER) All that piece and parcel of residential Row houses bearing No: 10 constructed in the schedule – A property its known as "COURTYARD", in all measuring 2184.156 square feet of undivided land area (common areas), 61.35 square feet of additional garden area and 2361.25 square feet of built up area with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface. SCHEDULE – 'C' PROPERTY (Description of the house property to be constructed) A Three Bedroom, residential Row Houses, to be constructed in Ground + First Floor + Terrace, in the Schedule – B & C Property, having a built - up area of 2361.25 Square feet (which is inclusive of common wall between two residential units as may be applicable depending on the type of unit, and proportionate share of built up area of the club house facility).	26.03.2021 Rs. 9948328/-	31.03. 2020
2.	Somasundar Manjunath/ Valarmathi K- #90 8th Main 3rd Cross Lakshmaiah Layout Sadhananda Nagar Bangalore North Bangalore – 560038/ LBBNG00005105664	ITEM No. 1 All that piece and parcel residentially converted land bearing Sy no. 157 measuring 3 Acres 18 Guntas converted vide office memorandum dated 09.02.2015 bearing A.L.N (H.S) SR/2014-15 ond by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rual District situated at Kambalipura village Sulibele Hoble Hoskote Taluk Bangalore rural district. ITEM NO.(2) All that piece and parcel of residente converted land bearing Sy no 173 measuring 5 Acres converted vide official memorandum dated 09.02.2015 bearing No. ALN. (H.S) SR/34/2014-15 issued by the office of Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District situated at Kambalipura village , Sulibele Hobli, HoskoteTaluk Bangalore rural district. Flat description Residential Apartment, no. H607 type B on H 607 floor in the Project known as "Emprasa startup City Residential". Project to be built on land mentioned under said Land mentioned below and of pro rata share in the common areas ("common area") of the Apartment.	30.03.2021 Rs. 2676293.00/-	31.05. 2020

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : June 09, 2021
Place: Karnataka (Kolar, Bangalore, Mysore)

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

punjab national bank

Richmond Road Branch : # 92/95, HJS Chambers, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560025. Tel: 080-22105762, 22219767. e-mail : bm0207@obc.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002

All of you the undermentioned borrowers/ guarantors/ mortgagors are hereby informed that the Bank has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 in A/c of our **Richmond Road Branch** and that the notice under Sec. 13(2) of the Act sent to you by **Speed Post / Registered A.D** has returned undelivered. Hence all of you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned below against each borrower/ mortgagors with interest accruing therefrom within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the Bank will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub Sec. (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the Bank. Please take notice that in terms of section 13(13) of the said Act, you shall not, after receipt of this notice, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured assets above referred to, without prior written consent of the Bank. You are also put on notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence. Your attention is hereby invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act in respect of time available to you redeem the secured assets.

Name of Borrower, Guarantor, Mortgagors & Amount Outstanding

1) Borrower : Mrs B R Rekha & Mr. U B Umesha
Both are at : #1002, 7th Main, 10th C Cross, W O C Road, Mahalaxmipuram, Bangalore - 560086.
Also at : Site No.123, Nisarga Layout, Sy No. 70/2, 71, 72 & 53, Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore - 560022.
Mrs B R Rekha
No.21, 3rd Floor, RAJA GLITZ, K H Double Road, Bangalore - 560027.

Amount Outstanding Due: As on **30.04.2021** is **Rs. 4,75,635.00 (Rupees Four Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Five Only)** with further interest from **1.5.2021.**

Description of the Secured Assets

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential converted site bearing No.123, Northern Site Khata No.439, carved in and out of converted land bearing Sy Nos.70/1, 70/2, 71, 72/1, 72 and 53 situated at Abbigere Village, presently within the limits of BBMP, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, duly converted for non agricultural residential purposes vide order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(N)75/1983-84 dated 04.04.1984 and B.DIS.ALN.SR(N)85/1983-1984 dated 28.04.1984 by the Dy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore respectively measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 20 feet and bounded on East By : Site No. 113, West By : Road, North By : Site No.122 and South By : Remaining portion of the southern side.

Date of Notice : 17.5.2021 Date of NPA : 10.5.2021 Nature of Facility : Housing Loan

Place : Bangalore
Date : 8.6.2021

For Punjab National Bank)
(Prashant Kumar)
AUTHORISED OFFICER (Chief Manager)

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रद्दीकरण संबंधी सूचना Cancellation Notice

दिनांक 06.08.2016 के विज्ञापन सं.सैक-डेकू :02:2016 के पद कोड-04 के द्वारा अधिसूचित वैज्ञानिक/अभियंता-एससी (कंप्यूटर साइंस) की 13 रिक्तियों के लिए भर्ती को रद्द किया जाता है।
13 vacancies for recruitment to the post of Scientist/Engineer-SC (Computer Science) notified vide Post Code – 04 of Advt. No. SAC-DECU:02:2016 dated 06.08.2016 stands cancelled.

हस्ता. Sd/-
प्रधान, का. एवं सा.प्र. Head, P & GA

NMDC Limited

(A Government of India Enterprises) (An ISO-9002 Company)
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Gram: IRONORE, FAX 07857-255226, 255227,255225 CIN - L13100TN1958GOI001674

No. Ser(Mech)/BIOM(K)/5600/2021-22 Dated: 07.06.2021

PRESS NOTIFICATION

BIOM, Kirandul Complex, Kirandul, invites SEALED TENDERS in TWO BID SYSTEMS for the following work(s), from firms meeting the PQC requirements. The Tender Documents can be downloaded from the Website mentioned below only.

Sl No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in Lakhs)	Period of Sale of Tender Document	Due-date of Submission of Tender	Date & Time of Tender Opening	Bid Security Declaration
1	Repair/Reconditioning of 04 no's Hitachi EX1900-6 excavator Bucket Assy	₹65.22 Lakh	09-06-2021 To 06-07-2021	By 03:00 PM 06-07-2021	AT 03:30 PM 06-07-2021	Signed copy is to be submitted along with the offer
2	Stability Test of HEM Equipment & Proof Load Test & NDT Test of Cranes	₹40.29 Lakh	09-06-2021 To 06-07-2021	By 03:00 PM 06-07-2021	AT 03:30 PM 06-07-2021	Signed copy is to be submitted along with the offer
3	Overhauling of Cummins QSK-38C engine fitted in Hitachi EX1900-6 hydraulic excavator	₹147.30 Lakh	09-06-2021 To 06-07-2021	By 03:00 PM 06-07-2021	AT 03:30 PM 06-07-2021	Signed copy is to be submitted along with the offer

For NOTICE INVITING TENDER, Pre-qualifying conditions, other tender conditions and for Complete Address and Details, etc, intending Bidders are requested to visit on our Website **www.nmdc.co.in**. Corrigendum and Addenda if any will be posted on our NMDC website only. The prospective bidder should visit our NMDC website from time to time to note the Corrigendum and Addenda if any.

For and on behalf of NMDC Ltd.
General Manager (Mech)
Mechanical Services Deptt.,
BIOM, Kirandul Complex.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, (Ele), East Zone,
P.U Building, M.G. Road, Bengaluru.

No: BBMP/EE/ELE/East/TEND/01/2021-22 Date: 08.06.2021

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - ITT (KW-1, 2, 3)

(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only) (Single/Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, (Elect) East Zone, invites Item Rate Tenders in accordance with KTPP Rules 2000 & 2017 from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike/KPWD/CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any other equivalent Central/State Government organizations for the work of **Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of Lighting System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in East Zone, BBMP** as detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Approx. Value of Work (₹.In Lakhs)
1.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of Lighting System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-22.	29.90
2.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of Lighting System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-78.	42.80
3.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of Lighting System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-90 & 91.	49.90
4.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of Lighting System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-23.	49.85
5.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of Lighting System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-24.	49.80
6.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of Lighting System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-29. (Two Cover)	52.40
7.	Repairs & Reconditioning of High Mast, replacing the steel ropes, fixing panel boards High Mast installation in Sarvajnanagara Constituency & ORR.	19.95
8.	Repairs & Reconditioning of High Mast, replacing the steel ropes, fixing panel boards High Mast installation in Shanthinagara Constituency.	19.90
9.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of Lighting System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-111.	49.95
10.	Repairs of Street Lights and Improvement of Lighting System by replacing the deteriorated poles, fixing timer switch boxes, painting of poles, replacing damaged panel boards and Aerial bunch cable in Ward No-114.	24.95
EMD (in ₹.)	As per GO No:FD-675 Exp-12/2020, Dt:22.12.2020	

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka from **15.06.2021.** (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **14.07.2021** upto **4:00** pm and Technical Bid/Tender Shall be Opened on **16.07.2021** at **4:00** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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RO No.: 417 **e-Tender Notice (Short term)** Date: 07-06-2021

Office of the Executive Engineer (Test), Vidyut Bhawan, Dakpathar invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
Tender No:04-EE-Test-Dkp-2021-22; Design, Engineering, Supply, Installation, Integration, testing and Commissioning of Telemetry and data management system for AMR of ABT Meters of 10 no Power Houses to SLDC Dehradun.
Estimated cost : ₹ 205.87 Lakh + GST extra
Availability of bid document on website:07-06-2021; 18:00Hrs
Last date for submission of bids on website : 21-06-2021 up to 18:00 Hrs
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal **"http://uktenders.gov.in".** EE(Test),Dakpathar

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CONTRACTS DEPARTMENT

Tender Enquiry No. HO(Contracts)/ NISP/CSR/Road/2021/247 dt. 09/06/2021
MSTC Ref. No.: NMDC/HO/21-22/ET/121

NMDC Limited, A "NAVARATNA" Public Sector Company under Ministry of Steel, Govt. of India, invites online bids from prospective bidders for the work of **"Widening and Upgradation of Road from NH Junction, Dhanpunji to Tiriya Road Railway Crossing, Jagdalpur, Dist: Bastar (CG State)".**

The detailed NIT and Bid documents can be viewed and /or downloaded from **09/06/2021 to 09/07/2021 from following website links;**

1. NMDC website – **https://www.nmdc.co.in/nmdctender/default.aspx**
2. Central Public Procurement Portal – **https://www.eprocure.gov.in/epublish/app** and search tender through tender enquiry number
3. MSTC portal–**https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/buyer_login.jsp** For further help refer to 'vendor guide' given in MSTC website.

The bidders are requested to submit their bids online through MSTC Limited website. The details of submission of bid through online are given in NIT. The Bidders on regular basis are required to visit the NMDC's website/CPP Portal/ MSTC website for corrigendum, if any, at a future date.

For further clarification, the following can be contacted –
General Manager (Contracts), NMDC Limited, Hyderabad, Fax no. +91-040-23534746, Tel No. +91-040-2353 2800, email: contracts@nmdc.co.in

General Manager (Contracts)

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

Telephone no: 0831-2407279 Belagavi District, Belagavi E-mail: dudc_bgm@yahoo.co.in

No:BGM/DUDC/4/CR-151/2016-17 Dated:07-06-2021

Tender Notification - Call-2

The Deputy Commissioner, Belagavi District, Belagavi invites tender in two cover system using KW-4 document for Belagavi District Nagarothana (Municipality) 3 Project works as detailed below:-

Sl. No	Description of works	Amount put to Tender	Earnest Money Deposit
1	Providing & Installation of Pumpsets in Jackwell and Pump house, Exchange of Electro Mechanic Spareparts in Water Purification Unit, Providing & laying of Pipe and Construction of Over Head Tank in Town Municipal Council Kudachi limits of Belagavi District. (E-proc Indent No.DMA/2020-21/WS/WORK_INDENT109202/Call-2)	125.26	1.87

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

1	Period of Construction	:	09 Months
2	Last Date for submission of tenders	:	08-07-2021 upto 17.00 hrs
3	Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids)	:	12-07-2021 at 11.00 hrs

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/- Project Director
District Urban Development Cell, Belagavi

DIPO/BGM/RONO.145/21-22

The Tamil Nadu government on Tuesday declared 15 medical items, including mask and hand sanitiser, as essential articles and fixed maximum retail prices for them under the Tamil Nadu Essential Articles Control and Requisitioning Act

A man walks past graffiti painted by members of Tamil Nadu Artists' Association to create awareness on Covid vaccination in Chennai on Tuesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

Shortage halts vaccination drive in 34 TN districts

Nearly 3.5 lakh doses wasted in first phase

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chennai

COVID vaccination drive almost came to a halt in nearly 34 districts in Tamil Nadu, on Tuesday, due to shortage of stock. There is zero stock available in those districts and only around 23,000 doses left overall, said Health Minister Ma Subramanian, speaking to reporters at the Government Omandurar Medical College Hospital in Chennai.

Among those left over, as many as 16,000 doses are in Chennai and about 4,000 in Coimbatore. The month's allocation for State, from the Centre, is over 42 lakh doses, the minister said, adding that the Union government has sent a schedule chart of fresh stock arrival for the month. According to the schedule, over 63,370 doses of Covaxin, for 18 plus age group, will be dispatched on Wednesday.

The State received 4,20,570 doses of Covishield on June 1 and 50,000 doses of Covaxin on June 4, for above 44 years age group. Subramanian said that Tamil Nadu had received as many as 1.01 crore doses from the Centre so far, and about 97.35 lakh people had been vaccinated. Nearly 3.5 lakh doses were wasted in the first phase of the vaccination drive.

> Around one crore vaccines can be produced in a month at Pasteur Institute of India, if raw material is provided
>
> Ma Subramanian, Health Minister

Meanwhile, the Coimbatore district health department has indicated that the vaccination drive might remain suspended for a couple of days in the district as well. Deputy Director of Health Services S Senthilkumar said there was a chance to resume the drive on Friday with the new consignment arriving.

Earlier, speaking at the King Institute, Guindy, the minister said vaccine production can commence at the Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor, as they have the provision for it, if raw material is supplied by the Centre. "Around one crore vaccines can be produced in a month at the institute if raw material is provided," he said

Farmer-friendly politician who contributed to rural development

CM, OPPN LEADERS PAY TRIBUTES

Bengaluru: Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, visibly pained at the passing away of his good friend CM Udasi, stood in silence for two minutes during a meeting, as a mark of respect. He later visited the hospital to pay respects to the mortal remains of Udasi, accompanied by ministers Basavaraj Bommai, Jagadish Shettar and BDA chairman SR Vishwanath. "He was a gentleman and a dynamic politician. The works he undertook as PWD minister are noteworthy. He was always committed to solving people's problems and worked tirelessly for the betterment of society," Yediyurappa said. Rajya Sabha MP and state incharge general secretary Arun Singh said, "He has served the party in many capacities and his work will always be remembered by the people." Others who condoled Udasi's death are BJP state unit president Nalin Kateel, National General Secretary CT Ravi, cabinet ministers and party legislators. Former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, former CM HD Kumaraswamy, and Congress leaders DK Shivakumar and Eshwar Khandre also condoled the passing on of Udasi. **ENS**

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
@ Haveri

SIX-time Hangal MLA and senior BJP leader C M Udasi, 85, passed away after a prolonged illness in Bengaluru. He was a prominent anti-Congress face since the 1980s, and built his politics around the Janata Parivar. With the Janata Parivar withering away, he found his future by becoming a staunch follower of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

Udasi was a successful businessman, a gentleman and statesman, a soft-natured person but a tough taskmaster. A person who had a good rapport with all, he was much sought after during political crises in both the Janata Dal and BJP.

His entry into politics was unexpected. He was Hangal municipal member during the municipality presidential election when the then MLA insulted him.

He took it as a challenge and entered politics. From the beginning, he was opposed to the Congress. In 1983, Udasi was elected as an independent MLA from Hangal, and supported the formation of the government

C M UDASI (1935-2021)

along with 14 other independent MLAs. Later, he got associated with the Janata Dal and became a close aide of leaders like Ramakrishna Hegde and S R Bommai, a confidant of J H Patel, and was also PWD minister in Patel's cabinet.

After Janata Dal, he joined BJP under the leadership of B S Yediyurappa. Shortly after, he became Rural Development and Panchayat Raj minister. His contribution as PWD and RDPR minister are enormous, especially in the construction of roads. He was also instrumental in carving out Haveri district from erstwhile Dharwad district.

Apart from political life, Udasi was interested in learning languages, and was fluent in seven languages. He recently learnt to write Urdu, while convalescing after a bypass surgery.

Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai told TNIE that his relationship with Udasi dates back to his father's (former CM S R Bommai) days. When Udasi was Dharwad district Janata Dal unit president, Bommai worked with him. "Udasi was my godfather in politics. He guided me through thick and thin, and was a major influencer. We have lost a great administrator and statesman," said Bommai, and hoped that his son and three-time Haveri MP Shivakumar Udasi will fill his shoes.

Udasi was also called a farmer-friendly politician, as he went fought for crop insurance for 15 years. He knew crop insurance policy thoroughly, and as a result, Haveri always got maximum share in crop insurance.

Agriculture Minister B C Patil said Udasi was a very active person and great administrator. He hailed from a farming family, so he had lot of concern for farmers. His demise is a big loss to the party, state and Haveri district, Patil said.

Pandemic caused major supply chain issues at HAL

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BUT, Madhavan said, the long-term project performance of LCA will not be affected as they will have enough time to recover and meet the timelines. But the Covid-triggered mayhem has led to a severe disruption in the supply chain, both within and outside the country. "The supply chain has to get back in shape quickly, including the supply of raw material from original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) from within and outside India. If these two happen, we should be able to meet our goals. There should not be any disruptions beyond July which is crucial," he said.

"The production activity for the last two months has been less. Though employees are working, we depend on material coming from vendors and that has not happened to the extent we had expected. As international flight operations were disrupted, the supply of material from OEMs aboard too got affected. Hopefully, things will improve," he said.

The fallout is this: Four LCAs that are ready are yet to be handed over to the Indian Air Force; the Dornier aircraft project has been hit as material is not coming from Line Replacement Units; and the LCH orders from the Centre have been delayed.

Many employees at the Helicopters Final Build Area tested positive and they were forced to stop even the flight trials. Employees at Bengaluru, Nasik, Kanpur and Lucknow units have been hit badly, forcing the defence PSU to stop operations for two weeks in May. "The first quarter will be a bit disappointing as far as financials are concerned. Hopefully, things will improve from next week and we would be able to recover like last time," Madhavan said.

CET IN AUG, MAY APPLY FOR BSc ADMISSION TOO

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Higher Education Department is considering having the Common Entrance Test (CET) for all science-based courses, including B.Sc, and not just professional courses, for the upcoming academic year (2021-22), Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayana told reporters on Tuesday.

An official from the department told *TNIE* that the plan is still in the discussion stage and is being explored.

The department has finalised that for all the professional courses - Agricultural science, pharmacy, veterinary, engineering, medical courses - only the CET marks, and not Class 12 marks (that was earlier given a 50 pc weightage) will be taken into account. This means that marks obtained in Physics, Chemistry Mathematics in CET will determine one's admission to engineering courses.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar had earlier asked the Higher Education Minister to consider only CET ranking as a parameter for admission to professional courses. The schedule of the CET exam remains unchanged — August 28, 29, and 30 — and registrations will begin on June 15. Each paper will carry 60 marks.

Schedule

Maths & Biology: Aug 28

Physics & Chemistry: Aug 29

Kannada language test: Aug 30

(Kannada test is for Horanadu and Gadinadu Kannada candidates)

The department has allowed students who just passed their PUC II examination to write the CET examination. Till last year, students of SC, ST, OBC categories had to secure 45 per cent marks in their Class 12 board exam. With all the easing of entry for the CET, the department is expecting an additional two lakh-plus students seeking admission. Ashwath Narayana said arrangements will be made to accommodate these students.

Kerala HC: Homoeo docs can prescribe, dispense Covid meds

P RAMDAS @ KOCHI

QUALIFIED physicians not only can prescribe and dispense homoeo medicines for preventing Covid, but also resort to homeopathy for symptom management of coronavious-like illnesses, the Kerala High Court said on Tuesday.

Justice N Nagaresh issued the order while disposing of the petition filed by Dr Jayaprasad Karunakaran of Thiruvananthapuram, against the action of the officials of the state health department. Jayaprasad claimed that he had treated and saved many serious Covid patients in foreign countries. But when he attempted to do so in the state capital recently, he was informed by the state health officials that action would be taken against him under the Disaster Management Act.

The court directed the government to ensure that the petitioner is not obstructed in any manner from practising homoeopathy as per the guidelines issued by the AYUSH ministry, the Union government and the Supreme Court.

Assistant Solicitor General of India P Vijayakumar submitted that the Centre and AYUSH ministry had issued recommendations on using homoeopathy for preventive purposes, for symptom management of Covid-like illnesses and for add-on intervention to the conventional care. He said there was no prohibition to that extent indicated in the recommendations.

The court suggested that medicines prescribed should be adjuvant to standard management guidelines in the hospital settings with the approval of the authorities and willingness of the patients. However, the court held that advertisement by a homoeopathic physician is prohibited in view of Regulations 6 of the Homoeopathic Practitioners (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Code of Ethics) Regulations, 1982.

EXPRESS READ

K Sudhakaran is new Kerala Congress president

T'Puram: Kannur MP K Sudhakaran has been appointed the new state Congress president. The party's former chief Rahul Gandhi informed him of the high command's decision on Tuesday. The high command appointed Sudhakaran, ignoring the sentiments of major groups in the state Congress. MP Kodikkunnil Suresh and MLAs P T Thomas and T Siddique have been appointed working presidents. Sources said the presence of a stalwart leader like Pinarayi Vijayan in the opposite camp added to the relevance of Sudhakaran who is also from the latter's home turf.

Andhra woman's zero-waste initiative gets UN recognition

Visakhapatnam: Deepika Tadi, a resident of Antarvedi in East Godavari district, has got a rare opportunity to represent India on the global platform and share the story of her village's contribution in reducing ocean plastic pollution as part of 'Antarvedi Zero-Waste Initiative'. The programme is hosted by the UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, in partnership with Oceanic Global. The 40-year-old woman is a member of the Antarvedi Zero-Waste Initiative. It has been launched by a waste management company headquartered in Kerala.

Woman locked up in flat, raped and assaulted repeatedly, says FIR

Kochi: An FIR registered in Kochi has revealed a tale of torture and rape of a woman for more than two weeks. The FIR based on the 27-year-old fashion designer's complaint says she had been locked up in a flat at Marine Drive, raped repeatedly and subjected to torture including physical assault and hot water mixed with chilli powder thrown on her by her live-in partner and businessman Martin Joseph of Puttekkara in Thrissur from February 20 to March 8 this year. The Ernakulam Central police registered the FIR on April 8 against Martin and presented it before the Judicial First Class Magistrate here the same day. The accused had beaten her up with a belt, poured hot water mixed with chilli powder on her and ill-treated her physically, the complaint alleged.

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DEMAND NOTICE

(Under Sub Section (2) of Section 13 of The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter Called Act)

At your request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its **UNION BANK OF INDIA, N R Road Branch.** The relevant particulars of the property on which you have created security interest by execution of security agreement / documents & creation of mortgage by way of deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/credit facilities have become irregular, the debt has been classified as Non Performing Asset (NPA) in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrowers in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the Demand Notice as per below mentioned dates are issued under section13(2) of the above said Act sent by registered AD calling upon you, was un-served / not acknowledged, this Notice/publication is now issued.

Name & Address of Borrower : M/s Dhruv Life Sciences Pvt.Ltd. 695, 1st Floor, 9th A Main, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore - 560038, Karnataka
1. Mr. Srivardhan Reddy Vanipenta (Guarantor) S/o V Narasa Reddy, Plot No.15, Phase-III Road No.71, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500033. 2. Mr. Harshavardhan Reddy Vanipenta (Guarantor) S/o V Narasa Reddy, Flat with No. 501, 4th Floor, Spadix Apartments, Property No. 39, Royal Orchid Hotel Road, Muniyellappa Garden, Kodihalli, Off. Old Airport Road, Bangalore-560008. 3. Mr. Srinivas Penmitsa, S/o Viswanadha Raju, (Guarantor) H No. 2-3/Ac/32, Aparna County, Behind Mathrusree Nagar, Miyapur, Hyderabad - 500049
Description of the secured asset/s: 1. Equitable mortgage of Residential Flat with No. 501, 4th Floor, Spadix Apartments, Property No. 39, Royal Orchid Hotel Road, Muniyellappa Garden, Kodihalli, Off.Old Airport Road, Bangalore-560008, Karnataka belonging to Mr. Harshavardhan Reddy Vanipenta, admeasuring 3996.00 S.ft of Plinth area & 2797.00 S ft of carpet area and is bounded on East by : Private Property belonging to Sri Channamma West by: Private Property belonging to Sri Krishnappa North by: Property belonging to Corporation & South by: Road & remaining portion of Vendor
2. Equitable mortgage of Residential vacant Plot Near D No. 16-III-1670, Plot No. 22 & 21 (South Part), S No. 784-B, P.R. No.59/70, Near MP Harijanwada Area, Easetern side of NH-5, Balajinagar Extn., Near Padmavahi Green City, Nellore Municipal Corporation, SPSR Nellore Dist. measuring 4145.00 S ft and is bounded on East by : Land in S.No.784/B-part & 784/A1 West by : Layout road North by : Remaining site of Plot No.21 & South by : Land of Kavala Lakshmaiah.
Total Amount due as on 31.03.2021: Rs. 6,96,00,425.00(Rupees Six Crore Ninety Six Lakh Four Hundred and Twenty Five only)
NPA Date: 01.03.2021 Demand Notice Date: 21.04.2021

Name & Address of Borrower : Mrs. Bharati S W/o M. Aswathnarayan, E/67/2, 3rd Cross, Janatha Colony, BG Colony, Hulimavu, Bangalore-560076 Karnataka.
M. Aswathnarayan, S/o Muniyappa, E/67/2, 3rd Cross, Janatha Colony, BG Colony, Hulimavu, Bangalore-560076 Karnataka.
Description of the secured asset/s: Residential Urban property with building thereon at No. #281, BBMP Khata No.#281, T.K.Thimmaraya Gowda Badavane, Ittamadu, Padmanabhanagar, ward No.55, Bangalore-560085 with site area of 1200 Sft and building area of 1234 Sft. belonging to you covered with boundaries on East by: Property bearing No.15 West by: Road North by: Property bearing No.19 South by : Property bearing No.21
Total Amount due as on 31.03.2021: Rs.57,76,506.32/-(Rupees Fifty Seven Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Six and Paise Thirty Two only)
NPA Date: 05.04.2020 Demand Notice Date: 22.04.2021

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of this notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (4) of the section 13 of the SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section 13 of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtaining written consent of the Bank, Please take note that as per section 13(8) of the SARFEASI Act the right of redemption of secured assets will be available to you oly till the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease , assignment or sale of the secured assets.

Place : Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 09.06.2021 **Union Bank of India**

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [Rule 8(1)]

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised officer of the **State Bank of India, Sadahalli Branch, Sadahalli,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount as mentioned in the notice against their names, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice,

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section 4 of Section 13 of Act, read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for an amount mentioned as follows and interest plus charges thereon, till the date of realization of the dues. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of, time available to redeem the secured Assets.

Sl. No.	Name & Address of Borrowers	Date of Possession Notice and Amount and Demand notice Amount & Date.	Description of the Immovable Property
1.	**HL. A/c No: 64111325473 / DRS** **Sri. Bharathimohan V And Rathinakumari B** No. 3851/12, Ward No. 22 Shanthi Nagar, Devanahalli Bangalore Rural Dist., & 2. # 1F4/204 SLV CORAL (Gare Ramanna) Nanjamma Lay out Boodhi gere Road Ward No.22 Devanahalli Bangalore Rural Dist.,	**Date : 07.06.2021** **Rs. 22,57,603/-** **as on 31.05.2021** **and interest from 01.06.2021** **Demand Notice** **Rs. 22,52,705/-** **Date. 09.03.2021** **Newspaper publication date 31.03.2021**	All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property apartment No. 1F4/204 having Super buildup area of 1075 sq.ft SLV CORAL with 267. 77sq ft UDS Constructed on property 3109/1548/423/2/3/1F/4 Formed on 2 and 3 Devanahalli Municipalitysy No. 423 of devanahalli village situated at (Gare Ramanna) Nanjamma Lay out, Boodhi gere Road, Ward No.22, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural Dist., and bounded on **East by:** passage & flat no. 1F3/203, **West by:** Sy No. 422, **North by:** staircase & 1F1/201, **South by:** Vacant Site No. 4
2.	**TL. A/c No: 64135921591 / 64135921647 / DRS** **Sri. Purushotham S S/O Shivashankar M,** No. 17, 2nd Cross Brindavan Lay Out Near Eshwar Medical Kaval Byrasandra RT Nagar Bangalore North 560032.	**Date : 07.06.2021** **Rs. 34,50,053/-** **as on 31.05.2021** **and interest from 01.06.2021** **Demand Notice** **Rs. 34,44,593/-** **Date. 09.03.2021** **Newspaper publication date 31.03.2021**	All that piece and parcel of the being portion of the immovable property on the North eastern side sketch No.1 Pink Colour Property No 46/3-17, portion of sy no.46/3 situated at Muniswammappa Lay out kaval byrsandra now comes under the Limits Of BBMP Kavalbyrsandra Range old ward No 95, new ward No. 32, Kavalbyrasandra Bangalore Measuring East to to West 84 feet & North to South 40 (30+28)/2 feet and adjacent to this property East to West 17 feet and North to South 18 Feet in all 2742 sq ft out of 16,846 sq ft and bounded on **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property Belonging to Sri Chowdappa, **North by:** Common property fallen to all share Holders, **South by:** Road.
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EDITORIAL

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WELCOME ROLLBACK OF VAX POLICY, NIXING OF DIFFERENTIAL PRICING

Leaving aside the political rhetoric following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement that the Union government will centralise procurement of Covid-19 vaccines, the reversal of the current policy has rightly been welcomed across the political divide and by all sections. Come June 21 when the new vaccine policy will take effect, the chaos that is currently being witnessed wherein state governments are queuing up before manufacturers and competing with each other and private hospitals for scant vaccines will end. This unseemly situation was brought about by the liberalised vaccination policy unveiled on May 1, which did two things: It opened up vaccine eligibility to include people belonging to the 18-44 age group and put the onus of procuring vaccines for this set of the population on state governments. The centralisation of procurement will stop this rat race and also end the dual pricing of vaccines.

But the PM's announcement to buy vaccines and provide them to states does not in any way alleviate their critical shortage. The only positive outcome of the decision is that procurement and availability will be streamlined. The challenge of vaccine shortage remains and it is unlikely to end very soon. As of today, only about 12% of the population has received one dose of the vaccine and a mere 4% has got two doses. The need, therefore, is for the Union and state governments to work together in the spirit of cooperative federalism and join hands against the common enemy. It's true that the Centre was somewhat forced into expanding the vaccination programme to include the 18-44 age group as it was the demand of many CMs. This only added to the shortage of vaccines. But the expansion of the programme may not necessarily be bad. This set of people form the backbone of the workforce, which means they are the most productive section of the population. Last week the Delhi HC even observed that it may be better to vaccinate this section first. So the way forward is to combine wisdom. It can be left to the states to prioritise whichever age group they deem fit while the Centre can leverage its monopolistic position to bargain for a better vaccine deal.

WHAT G7 CORP TAX RATE MEANS FOR INDIA

Last week, the G7 agreed on a minimum corporate tax of at least 15%. In the past, the OECD pegged $100 billion in tax gains, or 4% of global corporate profits, should countries settle for a 12.5% minimum tax rate. It means, at 15%, global tax gains will be higher. One of the other critical components of the proposed supranational policy is that profitable multinationals must pay tax in countries they operate. While this is welcome, it's possible that companies will put up a stiff resistance and if governments fail to negotiate, it'll be back to where it all began.

But instead of the G7 that includes only rich countries, G20—comprising a diverse geopolitical coalition—can have more pull, even though such a sign-off won't mean worldwide implementation. Much depends on negotiations under the OECD framework comprising 139 countries and it's likely that their meeting this month end will see diverging views from low-income and emerging economies, whose freedom and sovereignty to attract companies via low taxes will be effectively nixed. Interestingly, rich EU nations like Germany couldn't even enforce a minimum rate among their member countries, some of whom are global tax havens—like Ireland, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. To think these nations are championing a minimum tax rate smacks of protectionism as developed countries, whose stimulus spends ran into trillions, have announced tax hikes and now fear a flight of corporates.

For India, more than the competitiveness of rates, it's critical to determine its rights to tax profits of multinationals, who have significant presence and also because it has run into international tax disputes already. Globally too, the love-hate relationship with tech giants is common as they pay fewer or no taxes. For instance, Amazon paid zero income tax in 2018 on a profit of $11 billion! Precisely to counter this, India introduced a digital tax. It's critical to get the tax rules right with levies evenly applied but hard to avoid even by savvy bean counters who often manage to get a drop on minimising income tax bills.

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GOVERNANCE DURING THE PANDEMIC

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Crisis reveals the real capacity of the state and the quality of governance. The Covid-19 pandemic in India killed lakhs of people across the country. The corpses in the Ganges exposed the emptiness of our rhetoric on development and underlined the harsh Indian reality. Human dignity suffered in life as well as in death. Article 21 of the Constitution, talking about the right to life, appeared a dead letter to the citizens. More than a health crisis, we are in a political crisis, a civilisational crisis. Belatedly, the Centre has now come out with a new vaccination policy. The direction of the top court and the criticism from the public has had some impact. Better late than never.

Laws are devices to be used appropriately in critical situations as a means of social engineering. The state can use its laws for the betterment of the people or to their detriment. It can use or misuse its offices and choose to help or punish its citizens. Two aspects were notable in the conduct of the executive: a lack of accountability and a convenient misuse of the pandemic period.

Certain restrictions like enforced physical distancing might be valid and necessary in view of the health crisis. But the pandemic cannot give carte blanche to the government to do as it pleases without accountability or legitimacy. Literature on freedom during the time of Covid-19 makes for a wonderful read. Leslie Francis recently wrote an essay titled *Negative freedom in crisis times*. (Utah Law Digital Commons, 2021). She rightly says that the court is concerned with the question of whether "the public health interest is sufficiently strong to override presumed individual liberties". During an epidemic, the state can take away one's freedom to form a crowd. But it cannot book somebody for being a whistle-blower. It cannot shoot the messenger because the message is unpleasant to the government.

Throughout the pandemic, till the court actively intervened, the Centre showed little or no seriousness in the matter. A Bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud on April 30 asked if the Centre had ever considered invoking Sections 92 and 100 of the Patents Act and issuing compulsory licenses to the firms to ensure adequate production and supply of vaccines. These provisions are meant to be used during a health emergency. Also, these are provisions that work against monopolisation of production, which the country cannot afford right now. On May 31, the same Bench asked the Centre to place its vaccine policy before the Court. The Court also asked how the Budget allocation of ₹35,000 crore has been spent so far and why it cannot be used for the vaccination programme. A Division Bench of the Kerala High Court asked why a part of the enormous surplus money that the Reserve Bank granted to the Centre cannot be utilised for vaccination. It required the court to tell the rulers as to how they should act and correct themselves. Democracy always needs judicial vigilance and executive sensitivity.

International media also questioned the nation's policies relating to the pandemic. Economists, academics and writers have widely written about what could be done differently to improve lives in a health crisis. In a democracy, criticisms are measures to keep the executive under check. The announcement of the new vaccine policy demonstrates this principle.

One would expect the executive to be prepared with responses and expertise since they fall within the exclusive domain of its policy. The Centre's reaction, initially, was characterised by ill-equipped approaches and failure of governance. It was also intolerant towards any dissent and was more interested in suppressing criticism than assessing its merit.

The government also made use of the pandemic period to evade the consultative process and clamp down on civil liberties. The Centre's hurry in implementing the Citizenship (Amendment) Act in an indirect way is an example. It issued a notification on May 28, inviting the minorities in Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan to seek Indian citizenship. This happened while the matter is pending before the Supreme Court and when the rules under the Act are yet to be framed. This also shows the priority of the executive when there is enormous suffering in a health emergency.

The administrator's action in Lakshadweep, which curtails the freedom of the islanders, is yet another instance. Even before the enactment of draft regulations and laws, the protesters in the island were arrested and detained, though for a short while. The islanders say that they have not been consulted prior to the drastic changes about to be implemented, altering the future of the island dramatically.

All these and many other episodes displayed a spiteful state. A responsible government ought to have concentrated on the war against the virus rather than against the people. The Constitution, by way of Directive Principles, provides for a blueprint for governance with a sense of compassion and fraternity. Article 38 persuades the state to "eliminate inequalities in status, facilities, and opportunities". Article 39 dreams about equitable distribution of resources. It dislikes "concentration of wealth and means of production to the common detriment". This could presently mean encouraging a large number of firms to produce vaccines for a cheaper price and ensuring free access to it. Even Article 51A(h) incorporated during the Emergency has a contextual relevance. It appeals "to develop the scientific temper, humanism and spirit of inquiry".

To overcome the pandemic, the government needs to prepare better with adequate health expenditure and a well-defined policy when it comes to health. It should also ensure just and equitable implementation of the revised vaccine policy.

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CHALLENGES TO UNIVERSAL VACCINATION IN INDIA

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Countries around the globe have rolled out large-scale vaccination programmes to combat the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. India launched its vaccination programme on 16 January 2021, with two domestically manufactured vaccines: Covishield of the Serum Institute of India and Covaxin of Bharat Biotech. By the end of May, the country was in the third position in terms of the absolute number of vaccine doses administered, after China and the US. The Centre said that by the end of the year, the country would be in a position to vaccinate at least all of its adult population.

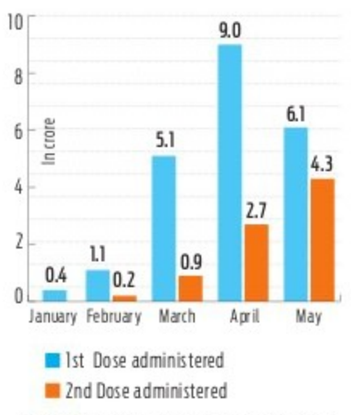
By the end of May, India could vaccinate 16.8 crore citizens with at least one dose; 4.3 crore people received both the doses. In other words, considering the projected population (136.3 crore) of the country for 2021, only 12% of the Indian population is vaccinated so far and only 3% of them have received both doses. Even if we do not consider the children and young adults below 18 (i.e., 34% of the Indian population, which amounts to 46.3 crore people), to achieve the goal of vaccinating all adults in the country by end of 2021, India needs to vaccinate not only 9% of its population (12.5 crore) with another dose but also 54% (i.e., 73.1 crore) with both the doses in the next seven months.

India's journey towards universal vaccination by the end of 2021 will be an uphill battle and the government needs to ensure that the three As are in place, i.e. availability, affordability and accessibility of the vaccine. To vaccinate 12.5 crore people with the second dose and 73.1 crore people with both, India needs at least 159 crore doses of the vaccine in the coming seven months. Assuming a minimum of 3% wastage in transportation and storage, India needs to ensure availability of 164 crore doses during that time. Till May 2021, India had administered on an average five crore doses per month; it needs to accelerate the drive to administer an average of 23 crore doses per month for the next seven months. So, to ensure an uninterrupted supply of vaccines, production needs to be expanded along with their import. The Government of India took several steps to increase the domestic capacity of the production of the vaccines. This includes expansion of the production capacity of the domestic manufacturers as well as involving three PSUs under the Department of Biotechnology for production under the technology transfer arrangement with Bharat Biotech Ltd, Hyderabad. The government also approved the Russian vaccine to increase the availability of jabs to the citizens.

By April 2021, the Centre had provided 16.37 crore vaccine doses to states and UTs. They could administer 15.5 crore doses of vaccine by the end of April. For May, 7.9 crore vaccine doses were available but only 6.1 crore were administered; there is a sudden drop in the vaccination trend by 32% in this month.

In the third phase of vaccination in May, India initially adopted the "Liberalised Pricing and Accelerated National Covid-19 Vaccination Strategy", which was later termed as an experiment in the prime minister's speech on June 7. Under this mechanism, the Centre was supposed to directly procure only half of the monthly stock from manufacturers and supply it to the states and UTs free of cost. State governments as well as private hospitals were to procure the remaining 50% stock directly from manufacturers. However, manufacturers needed to make an advance declaration for this 50% of the stock available for open market procurement. In this strategy, only health workers, frontline workers and the population over the age of 45 were eligible for vaccination at Government of India vaccination centres; the ones between 18 and 45 would have depended on state governments or had to pay out of their own pockets. The Serum Institute of India had announced the price as ₹400 and ₹600 per dose for procurement by state governments and private hospitals respectively. Bharat Biotech declared that the price per dose for sub-national governments and private hospitals would be ₹600 and ₹1,200 respectively. Moreover, the Centre announced that it would purchase both vaccines manufactured at ₹150 per dose directly from the manufacturers. Under this strategy, if state and UT governments collectively had to procure at least 50% of the total requirement directly from the manufacturer, it would cost ₹32,800 crore (if state governments procured only Covishield) to ₹49,200 crore (if they procured only Covaxin), other than the cost of administration for the programme. The sudden fall in the vaccines administered in the last month might have been caused by this extra financial burden. States needed to allocate funds for vaccination for their people through a supplementary Budget or through reappropriation from other schemes.

On June 7, the PM announced that state governments need not spend on vaccines; the Centre would directly purchase 75% of the total production and distribute them free of cost to states. Moreover, the entire adult population will be eligible for getting free vaccines from government centres. Private hospitals are now allowed to purchase 25% of the domestic production to serve the section of people who might not be interested in getting free vaccines and can afford to pay. New guidelines will be prepared to allocate the responsibilities of the Central and state governments.



Monthly total of the number of vaccine doses administered in India

The new announcement would reduce the financial burden of states. Very few states like Andhra Pradesh and Delhi had allocated funds for vaccination in their Budget. A loss of revenue due to the lockdown coupled with higher expenditure to manage the pandemic already caused a budget crunch in most states. The additional pressure of financing a part of the vaccine drive would have posed a serious challenge for states as well as people between 18 and 45 years, many of whom are either students or in their early-to-mid-careers. Moreover, the total vaccination cost of around ₹35,000 crore was already budgeted in the 2020-21 revised Union Budget and 2021-22 Budget together, which can be efficiently used for universal coverage. However, vaccine wastage is high in a few states. They need to reduce this as much as possible.

The new announcement is expected to put an end to the price differential of the vaccine. However, the Indian health system, which is quite concentrated in urban areas, needs to widen the access of the programme to ensure universal vaccination. The revised policy is addressing affordability and availability issues, but the actual outreach of the programme should touch all areas. Cooperation between the Centre and states is important to ensure access.

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Result of SC criticism

It is doubtful if the PM would have made a sharp course correction had the SC last week not described the vaccination policy as "arbitrary and irrational". The announcement of the government's decision to procure 75% of total vaccines and distribute them for all adults free of cost is a direct consequence of the SC taking the Centre to task for differential pricing.

SK Choudhury, Bengaluru

Intervention was needed

Commenting on the vaccination policy, the apex court had observed that "the Indian Constitution does not envisage Courts to be silent spectators when constitutional rights of citizens are infringed by executive policies". The Centre's view that courts should not interfere in executive policies doesn't appear to be sensible. The checks and balances provided for in the Constitution deserve respect.

Vasa Srinivasa Murthy, Visakhapatnam

Has been misused too

In the last seven years, the number of disputes that have come up in the higher courts involving institutions is on the rise. Whilst this is an encouraging sign in that it reflects the overall sentiment of the public about the fairness and integrity of the judiciary, some parties have tried to misuse the judicial system to create delays in the execution of policies inconvenient to them. Further, there is a trend towards increasing judicial activism.

Rajaram Tadepally, email

Exorbitant Covid bills

Even as the country is grappling with the onerous task of fighting the pandemic, we come across cases of private hospitals fleecing Covid patients with exorbitant bills. Yet, there are some not so well-to-do people who are pooling in their resources to help the poor.

V S Raman, Thanjavur

Don't wait for vaccines

Amid the decline in Covid cases in the second wave, every citizen should do their bit to prevent the third wave by vaccinating themselves. Some youth are waiting for Pfizer and other foreign vaccines as they believe that they might have higher efficacy instead of taking the jab available now. They should realise that all approved vaccines are effective in preventing serious illness.

Vishnupriyan A, Kannamangalam

Bold new leader

The appointment of K Sudhakaran as the new KPCC president is to be hailed. Sudhakaran is a bold leader who would not be cowed down by opponents.

M T Thomas, Peruva

The problem with UTs

This is with reference to *It's time to end the concept of Union territories* (June 6). The issue is resurfacing because of the new Lakshadweep laws. The article gives a good overview of the subject and illustrates the problem with the concept of UTs.

K R Narayanan, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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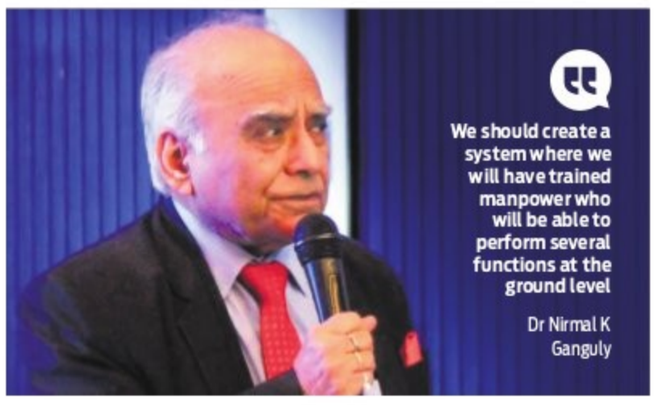
Why is there such a difference between the government's figures on deaths from Covid and the figures of crematoriums?

Hardeep Singh Puri @HardeepSPuri
One amongst the vaccine procurement U-Turners, Delhi CM had also demanded that centre shared the vaccine formula with him!

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
PM sir, you seem to be in the rarest of rare mood of listening to the Opposition. Have online Parliamentary Standing Committee meetings

HAVE WE LOST OUR WAY?

While India had a great set-up on paper, the institutions did not have autonomy or coordination to work as a structured unit, said former ICMR chief Dr Nirmal K Ganguly



We should create a system where we will have trained manpower who will be able to perform several functions at the ground level

Dr Nirmal K Ganguly

EVEN though India had developed a very good foundation of institutions that could tackle disasters like COVID-19, they have lost their way, said **Dr Nirmal Kumar Ganguly**, former Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) while speaking at The New Indian Express' **COVID Think Tank**. He was in conversation with Senior Journalist and Author Kaveree Bamzai.

"I handled around 10 epidemics, one almost every year when I was with the ICMR. And whenever it hit us, we were paralysed," said Dr Ganguly who was an integral part of setting up most of the institutions that are in place today. "When the plague hit us, Dr Ramalingaswami called me and suggested that we go around and see if we could solve the problem. We fished out Dr Batra from the DRDO and we went around the country and realised that we need to strengthen the NCDC to the same extent as the (USA's) CDC," he said and added that they went on to build some of the most steller institutions in India to foster an ecosystem that would provide support in times of need.

But it did not go as planned. "We have lost our way somewhere. The institutes that were supposed to provide strength are not performing as well as they were supposed to," said Dr Ganguly. "We did everything right. We also created public health standards which also should have helped us. What we did not do is give them real autonomy as they have in other countries. They should have been able to do their work seamlessly. The other thing that we couldn't do very well was (increasing) the health budget. Our health budget has been very, very poor for decades and it's poor even now. Major health expenditure comes from the private sector," added the former DG of ICMR.

'Vaccination should be the priority now'

UNIVERSAL vaccination is the key to fighting a pandemic as large as COVID-19 and it should be our single greatest national priority at present, said **Dr Swapneil Parikh**, a physician and the author of the book *The Coronavirus*. "We have to do that to scale, diversify our vaccine portfolio, backup distribution and do all of that on a war footing. Everything else is a distraction right now. If we were serious about it, this is what we should have been doing in January-February," he added while speaking at The New Indian Express' online event **COVID Think Tank** that aired on June 8, 2021. Dr Parikh was speaking on the topic *Second Wave: What We Need To Know*.

He said that we are a little too late in realising the importance of vaccines. "This is something we had to do in January. You have to roll out the vaccines in time for them to have maximum impact during the peak. Once the peak is done, if we roll out vaccines and scale them, we aren't maximally benefitting from it. When 500 million doses should have been procured at a time, vaccine manufacturers were making 10-20 million doses. There was no clarity, as we left them with uncertainties. The only focus should have been on scaling, diversifying our vaccine portfolio — more than just the two-three vaccines we have in India now. There has been a lot of lethargy and inertia in thinking that, somehow, India will have a different reality than others. But now it's a little too late," Dr Parikh explained and assured that if we do everything right, things could get back to normal sooner than a year.

At least 70 to 90 per cent of the eligible adults need to be vaccinated, only then will we see things going back to normal. Also, we must realistically look at vaccinating people below 18 years of age as well

Dr Swapneil Parikh, Physician and Author

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Having a lockdown and then opening up everything does not make sense, said Dr Parikh. The outbreak size and the epidemic scale remain the same in this case, he added

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Covaxin less effective against B.1.617.2 variant, shows study

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IN what comes as a disappointing news, Covaxin, India's first and only indigenously developed Covid-19 vaccine so far, has been found to be significantly less effective against the B.1.617.2 variant, the strain largely responsible for the ferocious second wave of the pandemic in the country.

Researchers associated with ICMR-National Institute of Virology and Bharat Biotech, which jointly developed the vaccine, studied neutralisation of the parental B.1 virus and the variants of concern — B.1.351 (South African variant) and B.1.617. The neutralisation was carried out with either sera from 20 recovered patients or 17 of those vaccinated with both doses of Covaxin.

The finding of the study, which have been released on a preprint serve for medical science, demonstrated about three fold reduction in neutralisation of B.1.351 and 2.7 to 4.6 fold reduction in neutralisation of B.1.627.2. Overall, as per the second interim analysis of Covaxin's phase 3 clinical trials, its efficacy against Covid-19 infection is 78%, Bharat Biotech has claimed in a statement, even though the data is yet to be released in a peer reviewed scientific journal.

"Although, there is reduction in neutralization titer, the whole-virion inactivated SARS-CoV-2 vaccine (Covaxin) demonstrates protective response against VOC B.1351 and B.1.617.2," said the paper.

Experts said the latest results are similar to those shown by others for recovered patients and those vaccinated with mRNA or viral vector vaccines. Senior vaccinologist Shahid Jameel said while overall, these studies show reduced antibody neutralisation of the variants of concern, there is possibly sufficient immunity raised by infection or Covaxin administration to protect from severe disease and mortality, if not from breakthrough infection.

Jameel, who is not directly linked with the study, cautioned that the issue which needs to be kept in mind while assessing the veracity of this research is it is carried out by those with potential conflict of interest. "Coming from NIV, ICMR and Bharat Biotech, every author on this study has either a reputational or a financial conflict of interest. But they formally deny this, which is unethical," he said.

The study results have been released days after data from real world studies from the UK, carried out by Public Health England, showed that a single dose of AstraZeneca vaccine was only 33% effective in protecting against symptomatic Covid-19, caused by the B.1.617.2 variant. Two doses of this vaccine, available in India as Covishield, however offers 59% efficacy.

EXPRESS READ

Rajasthan not to cancel orders already placed

Jaipur: The Rajasthan government said vaccine orders already placed won't be taken back, after the Centre's decision of free vaccination for 18-plus from June 21. The state government has placed orders worth `101 crore.

Bihar announces pension for Covid widows

Patna: The Bihar government has decided to provide a monthly pension of `400 to women who have lost husbands due to Covid-19. The government had earlier announced assistance for children orphaned in the pandemic.

A vaccination programme in progress in West Bengal's Howrah on Tuesday | PTI

Govt orders 44 cr doses for delivery in Aug-Dec

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Centre on Tuesday announced that it has placed fresh orders for 44 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccines, Covishield and Covaxin, for the country, which will be delivered between August-December.

New orders will include 25 crore doses of Covishield by Serum Institute of India and 19 crore doses of Covaxin by Bharat Biotech. The government said it has paid 30 per cent of the total price to the companies.

The development follows a significant revision in the vaccination policy, under which all adults are now entitled to receive free doses starting June 21 at government inoculation centres, as the Centre has said it will procure 75 per cent of all available vaccines and distribute it among states.

"In immediate follow-up of the Prime Minister's announcement of these changes in the guidelines of national Covid vaccination programme yesterday, the Centre has placed an order with Serum Institute of India for 25 crore doses of Covishield and with Bharat Biotech for 19 crore doses of Covaxin," said a health ministry statement.

The procurement price per dose paid under this order is not mentioned. These vaccines had earlier been bought for ₹150 per shot by the ministry.

The deal for fresh orders comes days after the Centre announced making an advance payment of ₹1,500 crore to the Hyderabad-based Biological E, for procuring its Covid-19 vaccine, still under Phase 3 clinical trials, marking the first such deal of advance purchase for securing Covid vaccines.

With the latest purchase orders, the government has secured 74 crore coronavirus vaccine doses for the country for August onwards, announced V K Paul, member (health) Niti Aayog, and head of the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration on Covid-19, in a press briefing on Tuesday. Till July, on the other hand, a total of 53.6 crore vaccine doses are to be available in India.

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Ministry statement

For the country, the government had earlier promised a total of 2.16 billion doses till December, enough to cover nearly 95 crore of the adult population. But experts have raised doubts on the claimed figures, given the production capacity of vaccine makers and the proposed expansion plans so far.

Uncertainty over projected figures have been further raised by the fact that the government had earlier said 75 crore doses of Covishield and 55 crore doses of Covaxin will be available between August-December.

COVID TRACKER

1.21% NATIONAL DEATH RATE

4.62% NATIONAL POSITIVITY RATE

94.29% NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE

18,73,485 TESTS CONDUCTED ON MONDAY

15 SUCCESSIVE DAYS DAILY POSITIVITY RATE UNDER 10%

47 DAYS AFTER WHICH DEATH TALLY IS LOWEST

97,907 DROP IN ACTIVE CASES

66 DAYS AFTER WHICH DAILY CASE TALLY IS THE LOWEST

STATES WITH 800,000+ CONFIRMED CASES (as on 8 June 2021, till 08:00 AM)

Source: Union Health Ministry

HELPLINE NUMBERS ▸ | **1075:** National helpline | **1098:** Child helpline | **14567:** Senior citizens helpline | **08046110007:** Helpline of NIMHANS for psychological support

Court directive to stop illegal adoption of Covid's orphans

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

EXPRESSING concerns about the illegal adoption of children orphaned by Covid-19, the Supreme Court has directed state governments to act against NGOs indulging in illegal adoption.

In its order, a bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao said: "No adoption of affected children should be permitted contrary to the provisions of the JJ Act, 2015. Invitation to persons for adoption of orphans is contrary to law as no adoption of a child can be permitted without the involvement of CARA. Stringent action shall be taken by the State Governments/Union Territories against agencies/individuals indulging in this illegal activity."

The order asked the state governments to prevent NGOs from collecting funds in the name of affected children by disclosing their identity and inviting interested persons to adopt them.

The order came in a suo moto case initiated by the court to deal with the problems of children affected by Covid-19. The court was informed about adoption posts circulating on various social media platforms amid the pandemic that saw several children lose either one or both their parents.

'New vax policy not due to SC remark'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

TOP authorities on Tuesday said that the revision in the Centre's Covid-19 vaccination policy was a result of its own review of the strategy adopted earlier and feedback from the states, rather than disapproval from the Supreme Court, as is being widely said.

They also said 13 states — mostly non-BJP ruled ones — had approached the government, asking it to reconsider the decentralisation strategy of vaccine procurement, while also admitting on record that "public narrative" had a role to play in the changed inoculation strategy.

The states named included Punjab, Kerala, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Odisha among others.

On Monday, PM Narendra announced the government will now procure 75% of the vaccines available in the country and give them for free to states from June 21, to vaccinate all adults in the country, putting an end to its earlier strategy of decentralised procurement.

The new policy comes less than a week after the Supreme Court's strong reprimand of the Centre with a direction "to undertake a fresh review of its vaccination policy".

On June 2, an order by the court had underscored that the Centre's decentralised strategy, which put the entire onus of inoculating adults in the below-45 age group on the states and private hospitals, was "prima facie arbitrary and irrational".

V K Paul, who heads the National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration of Covid-19, however, stressed in a press briefing that the Centre was monitoring the policy implementation. "We respect the guidance and concern of the SC but please understand that the government has been evaluating the implementation of the policy ever since it came into effect and many teams were constantly watching the developments," he said.

BACK AT THE LORD'S DOOR

Sankat Mochan temple in Varanasi has reopened. Devotees form a queue at the entrance on Tuesday | PTI

Agra hospital sealed for mock stop-oxygen drill

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Lucknow

A prominent private hospital in Agra was sealed on Tuesday and a case was registered against its owners and management following reports that oxygen supply to 96 patients was deliberately stopped for five minutes in April to find out who would survive or die in the want of oxygen.

This action was taken against the Agra-based Shri Paras Hospital, after a clip went viral where the hospital owner is purportedly saying that a mock drill was conducted at 7 am by cutting off the oxygen supply to 96 critical patients, just to figure out how many of them would die and how many would survive without oxygen.

The video dates back to the last week of April, when there was acute shortage of oxygen all over the country. No deaths were caused due to this.

In the video, hospital owner Arinjay Jain apparently says: "I was told by oxygen suppliers, that there is no oxygen supply anywhere. Modi Nagar is dry, even the CM cannot get you oxygen. Only option is to start discharging patients. The patients' attendants weren't ready to get their patients discharged despite acute oxygen shortage. So we decided to do a mock drill to find out who will survive and who will die in the absence of oxygen. At 7 am, the oxygen supply was made zero for five minutes, which led to 22 patients turning blue. This helped us trace who would die due to absence of Oxygen."

However, the hospital owner tried to clarify the matter after the audio-visual clip went viral. "The video and audio in the clip has been distorted. No one died at the hospital at that time," Jain clarified on Tuesday.

Taking cognizance of the matter, the UP government ordered a probe and directed the Agra district administration to lodge an FIR against the hospital owner-management.

According to the Agra district administration official statement, the video dates back to April 28. Also, preliminary probe has revealed there was no oxygen shortage at the hospital between April 25 and April 27. Only seven deaths of Covid patients were reported there on April 26 and 27, none due to oxygen shortage

A case has been registered against the hospital owner-management under provisions of the Epidemic Act and the hospital has been sealed. The 56 patients admitted there have been shifted to other hospitals, the district administration's official statement added.

Agra district magistrate Prabhu N Singh said as part of the probe, the video clip will be examined. Meanwhile, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi demanded action against the guilty.

DALHOUSIE NAME CHANGE PLEA

Rajya Sabha MP Subramanian Swamy has written to Himachal Pradesh Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, urging him to rename the famous hill station Dalhousie as Subhash Nagar in honour of Subash Chandra Bose

1 KILLED IN MADRASSA BLAST IN BIHAR'S BANKA

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	28	Mumbai	34	28
Bhopal	39	24	Panaji	34	28
Jaipur	38	27	Patna	32	23
Amritsar	39	23	Lucknow	36	25
Chennai	33	27	Port Blair	38	28
Kolkata	32	24	Imphal	29	17
Srinagar	23	13	Chandigarh	38	24

Twitter blocks Punjabi singer's account in India

Action after Centre sent a notice; Jazzy B had backed farmers' stir

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

TWITTER blocked local access to the accounts of Punjabi singer Jazzy B and three others after receiving a request from the Centre under the newly-notified IT Rules. Jazzy B had voiced his support to the farmers protesting against the three new agri laws. The other three accounts belong to hip-hop artist L-Fresh the Lion, California Sikh Youth Alliance and a user going by the name @Tarande61695394.

According to Twitter, it has notified the account holders of the action taken in response to a legal request from Centre. "When we receive a valid legal request, we review it under both the Twitter Rules and the local law. If the content violates Twitter's Rules, the content will be removed from the service. If it is determined to be illegal in a particular jurisdiction, but not in violation of the Twitter Rules, we may withhold access to the content in India only," Twitter told this newspaper.

The action comes amid the Centre's tussle with Twitter over the newly-notified IT Rules. Recently, the Centre said said it was offering Twitter 'one last notice' to immediately comply with the IT Rules as a 'gesture of goodwill'. Failure to adhere would expose Twitter to legal liability.

Jazzy B said he would continue to express solidarity with people fighting for their rights. Earlier this year, more than 500 accounts were suspended and access to hundreds of others in India blocked after the government ordered the microblogging platform to restrain the spread of misinformation and inflammatory content related to farmers' protests.

Over the past many months, Twitter has been embroiled in a number of issues. Twitter had drawn flak after it marked several tweets by ruling BJP leaders on an alleged strategy document of the Opposition to target the government over COVID as containing 'manipulated media', triggering a sharp rebuke from the government.

The row over Twitter's handling of certain messages had recently blown up into all-out war of words between the Centre and the social media platform. Twitter has an estimated 1.75 crore users in India, as per data cited by the government recently.

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Twitter

The new IT rules for social media companies that came into effect last month mandate large platforms like Facebook and Twitter to undertake greater due diligence and make these digital platforms more accountable and responsible for the content hosted by them.

Sambit Patra, Raman Singh seek quashing of Toolkit FIR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Raipur

FORMER Chhattisgarh chief minister Raman Singh and BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra moved the Bilaspur High Court, seeking to quash an FIR lodged against them. Their counsel Vivek Sharma claimed that the "FIRs were falsely registered against both at the Raipur police station".

"The basis on which the cases were registered in the Toolkit issue is already in the public domain and the petitioners had only commented on the existing digital record. So there does not remain any reason against them to pursue any probe or legal proceedings," he said. The court is yet to decide on the date of hearing.

Last month, the Raipur police had registered FIR against Patra and Raman Singh under IPC sections 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), 505 (1b,c) (publishing or circulating statements or rumours conducing to public mischief), 469 (commits forgery) and 188 (for flouting orders under Epidemic Diseases Act 1897).

Sambit Patra tweeting a post alleging Congress to have drafted a toolkit to malign the Centre's image was branded as 'manipulated media' by Twitter, leading to Delhi Police landing at its offices as part of probe.

Amid row, Gehlot fixes Jaipur mayor issue

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN an apparent attempt to exploit the divisions in the BJP ranks and nip any mass protest against the suspension of Mayor of Jaipur Municipal Corporation in the bud, the Gehlot government on Monday night appointed a loyalist of former chief minister Vasundhara Raje's to the post. The decision took the wind out of BJP's sails, which had called for a statewide agitation on Tuesday after Mayor Saumya Gurjar and three councilors were suspended on Monday.

The Gehlot government appointed BJP councillor Sheel Dhabhai as the officiating Mayor, who took charge on Tuesday. Dhabai was the chairman of the Finance Committee. Gurjar and three councilors had allegedly scuffled with the JMC (Greater) Commissioner Yagya Mitra Singh on Monday. A judicial inquiry has been ordered into the incident.

While the BJP had launched a series of protests on Monday, party leaders leaders like Satish Poonia, Vasundhra Raje, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Arjun Ram Meghwal had called the move illegal and unconstitutional. However, Sheel Dhabhai said: "I have nothing to say at this at the moment. I have to focus on the responsibility given to me."

Suspending the mayor shows the state government is acting out of vengeance. Today, the BJP protested the decision across the state

Satish Poonia, BJP leader

A known Raje loyalist, Dhabhai has served as Mayor in the past, too. She was in the race to get the post, but BJP leadership favoured Saumya Gurjar.

"Suspending the mayor and the three councillors shows the state government is acting out of vengeance. Today, the BJP protested the decision across the state," Poonia had said, alleging Gehlot converted an "ordinary altercation" between officers and public representatives into a criminal case.

Algal invasion has turned Ganga in Varanasi and upstream districts of Mirzapur and Prayagraj green | CHANDAN RUPANI

Panel to probe algal bloom in Ganga has no river expert

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Varanasi

THE Varanasi district administration has formed a committee to probe into the algal spread in Ganga, which has turned green due to the invasion. What is surprising about the panel is that there is not even one river engineering, environmental or phycology (algae related science) expert on it. This despite the fact that Varanasi is home to the premier Banaras Hindu University, whose Department of Botany and School of Biotechnology for years have pioneered phycology research globally.

Varanasi district magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma had constituted a committee comprising five administrative, police and pollution control board officers. On Tuesday, the committee voyaged from Varanasi to Mirzapur, collecting samples of the green algae infested water. The committee has been asked by the Varanasi district magistrate to submit its report by June 10.

The algae infestation of the river's water is not only noticeable in the ancient city, but also upstream in Mirzapur and Prayagraj districts. "I have been bathing in Ganga since childhood, but do not remember such algae invasion. This is serious and should be probed by scientists and not police or administrative officials," said 46-year-old Dinesh Shankar Dubey, whose organisation Gangotri Seva Samiti holds the world famous Ganga Arti on Dashwashamedh Ghat.

According to Prof Ashok Kumar, senior phycologist and emeritus professor at the School of Biotechnology, BHU, "This is the first time this is happening. It could be due to Microcystis, but it needs to be probed. The development assumes significance as such algae never bloom in running water. Not only does the origin of the algae need to be studied, but the samples also need to be tested for possible toxicity."

Importantly, a team of researchers led by Kumar has spent three decades researching algae in the waterbodies of Varanasi, which is also famous for its kunds (ponds). It was a team of researchers led by Kumar that had traced presence of toxic compounds in microcystis algae in two major ponds — Laxmi Kund and Durga Kund — which was poisonous for human and animals. The findings were published in reputable international journals. Meanwhile, a city-based advocate has moved the National Green Tribunal over the issue.

India bags seat in coveted UN economic and social council

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

INDIA has been elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UNECOSOC) for a two-year period starting next year. The ECOSOC is one of the six main arms of the UN. The 54-member ECOSOC aims at advancing the three dimensions of sustainable development — economic, social and environmental.

It also acts as a platform for debate on innovative thinking and coordinating efforts to achieve goals that have been agreed upon internationally. It is also responsible for the follow-up to major UN conferences and summits.

"I thank all Member States of the @UN for their vote of confidence in India for #ECOSOC," India's Permanent Representative to the UN TS Tirumurti tweeted. India was elected in the Asia-Pacific category along with Kazakhstan, Afghanistan and Oman. In the Economic and Social Council by-election, Greece, New Zealand and Denmark were elected for a period from January to December 2022 and Israel was elected for a period beginning January 1, 2022 till December 31, 2023.

The UN Charter established the ECOSOC in 1945 as one of the six main organs. According to the ECOSOC website, its 54 members are elected for three-year terms by the General Assembly.

Seats on the Council are allotted based on geographical representation with 14 allocated to African states, 11 to Asian states, six to eastern European states, 10 to Latin American and Caribbean states and 13 to western European and other states.

EXPRESS READ

Monsoon session may be convened in July

New Delhi: The Centre on Tuesday said the Monsoon session of Parliament may be called next month, while the standing committees could resume their functions later this month. This step towards normalising the functioning of Parliament follows reports on the vaccination drive among the MPs and staff progressing well. Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Prahlad Joshi said: "We are hopeful that the MPs and Parliamentary staff will be vaccinated by July." The standing committees are also slated to commence their functioning from June 21,

CRPF jawan shoots self after killing colleague

Ranchi: Two CRPF jawans were killed in Chatra after one of them opened fire at the other before shooting himself, a police official said on Tuesday. The incident took place at a Covid isolation building located in ITI College of Simaria police station area, about 17 km from Chatra district headquarters of Jharkhand."Prime-facie it appears a case of suicide by one of the jawans Kalu Ram Gurjar, who on being prevented from committing suicide first shot another jawan Ravindra Kumar and then killed himself. Both were alone in the room at the time," SP of Chatra said .

IMPLOSION

Adhikari meets brass as Bengal unit flounders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

WEST Bengal's Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari landed in New Delhi on Tuesday to hold meetings with BJP national president JP Nadda and Home Minister Amit Shah amid fears of party imploding in the state. Sources said Adhikari was summoned to Delhi to meet Shah and Nadda and mull ways on keeping the flock together in the wake of the crushing defeat in Bengal election.

Cracks are developing in the BJP's West Bengal unit, with at least five prominent TMC imports to BJP snapping communication lines with the leadership as a precursor to quitting. On a day Adhikari reached Delhi, more news of widening rift reached the leadership. BJP's national vice president Mukul Roy skipped an organisational meeting convened by party's state unit chief Dilip Ghosh. Former TMC minister Rajib Banerjee was among the notable faces missing in the meeting.

While Roy claimed one had informed him about Tuesday's organisational meeting, Banerjee said he could not attend the meeting as one of his relatives fell sick. Later, in a social media post, Banerjee, without naming Adhikari, said repeated demands of imposing Article 356 in West Bengal would not go down well in Bengal.

Responding to Adhikari's Delhi visit, the state president said he was not aware of his schedule. "The statements given by Ghosh on the issue of Adhikari's Delhi visit and Roy's comment on the organisational meeting reflect clear division. Though the rift between Ghosh and Roy emerged before the Assembly election, it was brushed under the carpet. However, after its defeat, it has spilled over to public domain," a senior BJP leader in Kolkata said.

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A BJP leader

The leader said the BJP's national leadership is not happy with the post-poll developments in Bengal. "Five former TMC MLAs have already quit and five are likely to leave. Also, Adhikari was recently booked in a criminal case. These issues might be discussed," he said.

AI-DRIVEN

IITian helps Bihar farmers keep thieves at bay

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

AT a time when Bihar farmers are increasingly losing crops to animal invasion and thefts, an IITian's startup may hold key to tackling both. IIT-Kharagpur alumnus Ajit Kumar has developed an artificial intelligence-driven Farm Surveillance-Cum-Animal Scarer (FSCAS), which is helping farmers to keep animals at bay and thieves away.

Kumar says the gadget can be installed at key locations on the field. The moment it spots an animal or theft, it starts blaring, besides sending alert to the mobile handsets of the farmers. The device is artificial intelligence-driven and has computerised sensors. It also is equipped with night-vision cameras.

A resident of Shyampur in Bhagalpur, Ajit Kumar quit his job at an MNC to come up with the farmer-friendly start-up idea named Stepupify. The gadget was developed in association with his batchmate Sagar Kumar.

"This device is battery powered and can be mounted on a pole or tree in the field along with installed solar panels to charge the battery. It can be customised as per farmers' request and has been tested in the fields at Khirighat (Antichak) in Kahalgaon sub-division," Kumar said. As of now, the contraption costs ₹15,000.

The gadget's credibility is vouched for by many farmers in Lalapur, Bhader and Kahalgaon. "The sensor immediately identifies any attempt to intrude into the field. We may add more sensors in future to bolster surveillance," Kumar says. Kumar's Stepupify Labs also imparts training to youths in robotics, STEM and in preparation for JEE (Main and advance) with the support of Kumar's wife Alka.

In 2020, Kumar says, through his village-based labs, he developed a UVC Sanitizer Robot for Covid sanitisation and that was tested and tried by the Indian Railways.

Electric buses to replace city's diesel guzzlers

The fleet of diesel-powered state transport department's buses plying in Kolkata will be replaced by electric buses to curb air-pollution, transport minister Firhad Hakim said. "From now, we will focus on electric buses to combat rising pollution in Kolkata. Replacements will be carried out in phases," said Hakim. More than 1,200 government buses ply in and around Kolkata, and all of them are diesel powered. Last year, the state government had replaced 75 buses with electric versions powered by rechargeable lithium ion batteries. In the first phase, 400 buses will be replaced.

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KOLKATA DIARY

Bridge linking city to north suburbs closed on 2 days

The Chitpore bridge will remain closed to vehicular traffic between 6 am and 10 pm on June 10 and June 13. The closure is planned as authorities want to carry out a load test of the structure. Chitpore bridge gained importance after the Tallah bridge – a key link between Kolkata and its northern fringes – was closed in 2019. The Tallah bridge has since been demolished and work on a new bridge has started. The Kolkata police have prepared diversion plans using Shyambazar five-point crossing, Rajballavpara Road, Belgachia Road and Raja Manindra Road. An officer of the traffic police department said Chitpore bridge has been bearing a lot of loads since the closure of Tallah bridge and it needs to undergo a load test — to calculate its structural integrity —so that its safety can be assessed.

Virtual grievance redress meetings with civic body chief

Residents can now talk to the municipal commissioner of Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) through Zoom twice a week and seek speedy resolution to their grievances. The municipal commissioner will be available for virtual interaction every Wednesday and Saturday from 11 am till noon. The special municipal commissioner will hold such sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 am to noon. The necessity of online meetings was felt during the peak of the second wave.

IIEST's online convocation scheduled for June 30

The IIEST convocation, which was scheduled to be held on June 30, will be held online. Students have been asked to register online for the event. Degree certificates will be sent to the recipients by post. The recipients have to send relevant information through Goggle Link by June 20. "The recipients cannot be asked to visit the institute to attend the event at a time when Covid cases are rising on the campus. The situation is so grim that we had to open a covid vaccination centre and an isolation facility on the campus," said an official

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people have been killed in anti-government protests that began in Colombia 5 weeks ago, the country's rights ombudsman said

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	27	19	TDS	Los Angeles	24	14	LC
Colombo	29	27	TDS	Melbourne	13	11	HR
Dhaka	31	27	TDS	Moscow	19	14	TDS
Dubai	38	29	SNY	New York	31	22	LR
Houston	33	25	LC	Singapore	30	26	TDS
Istanbul	26	16	SNY	Toronto	25	16	HR
London	25	16	SNY	Washington	31	22	HR

OVER 800 ARRESTED IN FBI-RUN GLOBAL CRIME STING

Compromised devices help police in 16 countries intercept messages of underworld figures as they plotted drug deals, arms transfers

THE HAGUE

POLICE arrested more than 800 people worldwide in a huge global sting involving encrypted phones that were secretly planted by the FBI, law enforcement agencies said on Tuesday. Cops in 16 countries were able to read the messages of global underworld figures as they plotted drug deals, arms transfers and gangland hits on the compromised ANOM devices.

Mafia groups, Asian crime syndicates, motorcycle gangs and other organised crime syndicates around the world were all monitored using the spiked phones as part of Operation "Trojan Shield".

The sting, jointly conceived by Australia and the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, prevented around 100 murders, foiled several large-scale narcotics shipments and led to seizures of weapons and cash, they added. "The results are staggering," FBI Assistant Director Calvin Shivers told reporters at the headquarters of the EU's police agency Europol HQ in The Netherlands.

Shivers said the FBI had provided criminal syndicates in over 100 countries with the devices over the last 18 months "that allowed us to monitor their communications".

Europol hailed the "exceptional" operation, which saw around 12,000 of the ANOM devices distributed worldwide to criminals who thought they were chatting in secret.

"This information led over the last week to hundreds of law enforcement operations on a global scale from New Zealand to Australia to Europe and the USA, with impressive results," said Jean-Philippe Lecouffe, Deputy Director Operations at Europol. "More than 800 arrests, more than 700 locations searched, more than eight tonnes of cocaine."

Police also seized 22 tonnes of cannabis, two tonnes of methamphetamine, 250 firearms, 55 luxury vehicles and over $48 million in various currencies and cryptocurrencies, Europol said.

Australian police said the supposedly hardened encrypted devices were handed out to operatives within the mafia, Asian crime syndicates, drug cartels and outlaw motorcycle gangs as part of the elaborate FBI-led plot.

The operation began after global police work in the past two years disrupted two other major encrypted phone networks used by criminals, Encrochat and SkyGlobal.

"The closure of those two encrypted communication platforms created a significant void in the encrypted communication market," said New Zealand police. To fill the void, "the FBI operated its own encrypted device company, called 'ANOM'", the New Zealand police added. The FBI's Shivers said this enabled them to "turn the tables" on criminals.

"We were actually able to see photographs of hundreds of tonnes of cocaine that were concealed in shipments of fruit, we were able to see hundreds of kilos of cocaine that were concealed in canned goods," Shivers said.

Showing the massive global scale of the sting, Australia said more than 200 people had been charged already.

Sweden said it had arrested 155 people, Germany detained 70 suspects, the Netherlands 49, and New Zealand 35 as a result of the operation.

Most of the 27 million ANOM messages obtained by the sting were in Dutch, German and Swedish, Dutch police said.

The FBI worked with insiders to develop and distribute ANOM devices through the Phantom Secure network of existing criminal customers, unloading 50 -- mostly to Australia -- as a "beta test". The devices are said to have had no email, call or GPS services and could only message other ANOM phones.

They could only be bought on the black market -- for around $2,000 -- and required a code from an existing user to access. AFP

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A bag of marijuana is displayed during a police raid

A box containing a large amounts of cash recovered after a raid

THE HUNT — The sting was jointly conceived by Australian police and the US' FBI

After the disruption of encrypted phone networks Encrochat and SkyGlobal, the FBI operated its own encrypted device company, called 'ANOM'

Australian police gave devices to operatives within the mafia, Asian crime syndicates, drug cartels and outlaw motorcycle gangs

Criminals assumed the service was safe and touted it among themselves as the platform you should use, because it would be absolutely reliable. Nothing could have been further from the truth — Dutch police

FUEL PIPELINE HIT

US recovers over half of ransom paid to hackers

WASHINGTON

THE US Justice Department has announced that it had recovered more than half of the $4.4 million paid by Colonial Pipeline to Russia-based ransomware hackers Darkside, who had forced the shutdown of a major US fuel network.

"Today, we turned the tables on Darkside by going after the entire ecosystem that fuels ransomware and digital extortion attacks, including criminal proceeds in the form of digital currency," said Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco.

The seizure came one month after the group gave the US government a security scare by breaking into the computer systems of Colonial and forcing the shutdown of its 8,850 km pipeline serving much of the eastern United States.

The shutdown caused short-term fuel shortages and drew attention to the broader threat that the burgeoning ransomware "industry" posed to essential infrastructure and services.

The Justice Department said the US Federal Bureau of Investigation was able to track the 75 bitcoin Colonial paid in ransom — $4.4 million at the time — as it moved through multiple anonymous transfers.

Eventually it was able to seize from a cryptocurrency wallet 63.7 bitcoin, which was only worth $2.3 million on Monday.

It was the first seizure of a paid ransom by the Justice Department's new Ransomware and Digital Extortion Task Force, tasked to go after the so-called "ransomware as a service" industry that has extracted hundreds of millions of dollars from targets like schools, hospitals, local governments, and businesses over the past several years. AFP

Ransom payments are the fuel that propels the digital extortion engine. We will continue to target the entire ransomware ecosystem

Lisa Monaco, Dy Attorney Gen

Four of a Muslim family killed in Canada truck attack

LONDON, CANADA

A MAN driving a pick-up truck slammed into and killed four members of a Muslim family in Canada's Ontario province, in what police and officials said Monday was a premeditated attack motivated by "hatred".

A 20-year-old suspect wearing a vest "like body armor" fled the scene on Sunday evening, and was arrested at a mall seven kilometers (four miles) from the intersection in London, Ontario where the attack happened, said Detective Superintendent Paul Waight.

"There is evidence that this was a planned, premeditated act, motivated by hate. It is believed that these victims were targeted because they were Muslim," he told a news conference.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Tuesday labelled it a "terrorist attack". "This killing was no accident. This was a terrorist attack, motivated by hatred, in the heart of one of our communities," Trudeau said during a speech at the House of Commons.

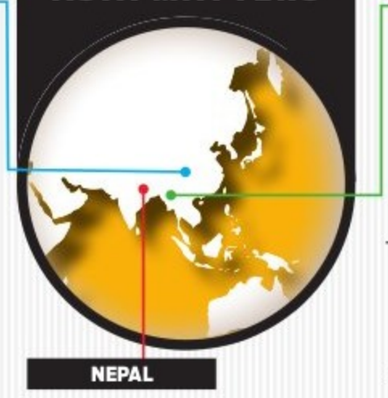
The names of the victims were not released, but they include a 74-year-old woman, a 46-year-old man, a 44-year-old woman and a 15-year-old girl -- together representing three generations of the same family, according to London mayor Ed Holder. Nine-year-old boy was also hospitalised following the attack and is recovering.

Bouquets of flowers were seen at the scene of the attack.

The suspect, identified as Nathaniel Veltman, has been charged with four counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder. AFP

A woman pays her respects at the scene where the accident happened | AFP

ASIA MATTERS



CHINA

Police squash rare campus protests by students

Beijing: Chinese police said they suppressed rare campus protests Tuesday, after thousands of angry students held a college principal hostage over fears their degrees were set to be downgraded. Large-scale protests are extremely rare in China, as the Communist Party controls mass movements that may undermine social stability and quickly extinguishes information that seeps onto the internet. Undergraduates at Nanjing Normal University's Zhongbei College, in eastern Jiangsu province, were enraged by a plan to merge the school with a vocational college, fearing it would devalue their qualifications as they prepare for China's intensely competitive job market. They detained the principal on campus for over 30 hours from Sunday. Social media users posted photos of police using batons and pepper spray on students, and one female undergrad bleeding from the head. *AFP*

NEPAL

No formal ban on Patanjali's Coronil

Kathmandu: Nepal's government has not issued any formal ban order against Patanjali's Ayurveda-based Coronil in the country, a health ministry spokesperson said on Tuesday. Yoga guru Ramdev had introduced Coronil tablets on June 23 last year, when the Covid-19 pandemic was at its peak in India. Health Ministry spokesperson refuted media reports of a country-wide ban. There is no proof that Coronil can cure corona disease, said a Health Ministry official on condition of anonymity. *PTI*

MYANMAR

Court case against Suu Kyi to start next week

Naypyitaw: Myanmar's military junta will begin presenting its case against deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi in court next Monday, her lawyers said. The military arrested Suu Kyi in February when it overthrew her elected government. Public resistance to the coup remains strong and in recent months has taken the form of a low-level armed insurrection. Government prosecutors will have until June 28 to finish their presentation in the court in Naypyitaw, the capital, where she is being tried on five charges, after which Suu Kyi's defense team will have until July 26 to present its case, said Khin Maung Zaw, the team's senior member. Court sessions are to be held on Monday and Tuesday each week. Khin Maung Zaw spoke to journalists after a procedural hearing on Monday for Suu Kyi and two fellow defendants. *AP*

SWATHS OF INTERNET GO DOWN AFTER CLOUD OUTAGE

LONDON

MULTIPLE websites went offline briefly across the globe Tuesday after an outage at the cloud service company Fastly, revealing how critical a handful of companies running the internet's plumbing have become.

Dozens of sites including the New York Times, CNN, some Amazon sites, Twitch, Reddit, the Guardian, and the U.K. government's home page, could not be reached.

In Asia, cities like Hong Kong and Singapore were also affected, with users unable to access the CNN website. In China, where most foreign media websites are blocked, there was little discussion on the outage on social media platforms such as Weibo.

San Francisco-based Fastly acknowledged a problem just before 6 am Eastern.

It said in repeated updates on its website that it was "continuing to investigate the issue."

About an hour later, the company said: "The issue has been identified and a fix has been applied. Customers may experience increased origin load as global services return." A number of sites that were hit early appeared to be coming back online.

Fastly said it had identified a service configuration that triggered disruptions, meaning the outage appeared to be caused internally.

Still, all major futures markets in the US dipped sharply minutes after the outage hit almost exactly a month after a cyberattack that caused the operator of the largest fuel pipeline in the US to halt its operations.

Internet traffic measurement by Kentik show that Fastly began to recover from the outage roughly an hour after it struck at mid-morning European time — and before most Americans were awake.

"Looks like it is slowly coming back," said Doug Madory, an internet infrastructure expert at Kentik. He said "it is serious because Fastly is one of the world's biggest CDNs in the world."

The impact of Fastly's trouble highlights the relative fragility of the internet's current architecture given its heavy reliance on Big Tech companies — such as Amazon's AWS cloud services — as opposed to a more decentralized model. AP

EXPRESS READ

Court upholds life sentence for Mladic

The Hague: War crimes judges on Tuesday upheld the genocide conviction of former Bosnian Serb military chief Ratko Mladic over the 1995 Srebrenica massacre. The UN tribunal rejected Mladic's appeal against his 2017 life sentence for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity over the 1992-5 Bosnian war.

UNDYING EMBERS

Palestinian protesters clash with Israeli security forces in the occupied West Bank on Tuesday | AFP

China's wandering jumbos become int'l stars

BEIJING

ALREADY famous at home, China's wandering elephants are now becoming international stars.

Major global media are chronicling the herd's more than yearlong, 500-km trek from their home in a wildlife reserve in mountainous southwest Yunnan province to the outskirts of the provincial capital of Kunming. Twitter and YouTube are full of clips of their various antics, particularly those of two calves who slipped into an irrigation ditch and had to be helped out by older members of the group.

"We should be more like the elephant and be more family oriented, take family vacations and help and care for and protect each other,' read one comment on YouTube signed MrDeterministicchaos.

The elephants have been trending for days on China's Weibo microblogging service with photos of the group sleeping attracting 25,000 posts and 200 million views Monday night.

The 15-member herd has been caught at night trotting down urban streets by security cameras, filmed constantly from the air by more than a dozen drones and followed by those seeking to minimize damage and keep both pachyderms and people out of harm's way.

They've raided farms for food and water, visited a car dealership and even showed up at a retirement home, where they poked their trunks into some of the rooms, prompting one elderly man to hide under his bed.

While no animals or people have been hurt, reports put damage to crops at more than $1 million. AFP

Television grab shows elephants resting in a forest in Yunnan province | CCTV/AFP

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E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited from eligible bidders for Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Modular OT equipments, Dept. of OBG under turnkey work to RIMS Teaching Hospital, RIMS Raichur under two cover bid system through E-Procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka.

1) Tender document may be downloaded from E-procurement portal from **09.06.2021,** 2) Tender must be submitted online through E-procurement portal on or before **23.06.2021 upto 5.00 PM,** 3) Technical bid will be opened on **25.06.2021 at 11.00 A.M.**

Further information may be obtained from above office and from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also from this Institution web site **www.rims-raichur.com**

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I, JYOTHI, Spouse of No. JC-310137Y SUB MAJ Ravada Babu Rao, 2-891, Prasanthi Nagar Colony, B.Singu Puram (Vill & Post) Srikakulam (MD & Dist) Andhra Pradesh (State) PIN:532185, have changed my name from **JYOTHI** to **JYOTHILAKSHMI PALLI** vide affidavit Dated 07/06/2021 sworn before Notary H.G.Venkataramu, Bangalore.

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I, SERVICE NO. JC-310137Y SUB MAJ Ravada Babu Rao, TRG BN-III, MEG & Centre, Bangalore-560033, have changed my Wife name Jyothilakshmi Palli DOB from **20/10/1976** to **25/06/1984** vide affidavit Dated 07/06/2021 sworn before Notary H.G.Venkataramu, Bangalore.

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I, SERVICE NO. 15331322M L/NK Vitthal Kurubar, 10 FD Coy, 6 ENGR REGT, C/o 56 APO, PIN:914006, have changed my name from **VITTHAL KURUBAR** to **VITTHAL SHIDARAYAPPA KALLIMANI** and my Father name from **SHIDRAMAPPA KURUBAR** to **SHIDARAYAPPA KALLIMANI** vide affidavit Dated 05/05/2021 sworn before Notary H.G.Venkataramu, Bangalore.

Market Watch

MARKET			FOREX	
52.94 ▼	Sensex	52,275.57	▼ Dollar	72.89
11.55 ▼	Nifty	15,740.1	▼ Euro	88.88

FM hits out at Infy for glitches on ITR site

Infosys president Nilekani says that system is expected to stabilise during the week as initial glitches are resolved

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

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>
> Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister of Finance

IN a *deja vu* of sorts, Union Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday took a dig IT major Infosys and its co-founder and Chairman Nandan Nilekani over technical glitches faced by users who were attempting to file Income tax returns on a new portal which went live on June 7.

Sitharaman tweeted that she could see her complaints on her Twitter timeline on the glitches faced by people barely 12 hours after the portal was launched. "The much awaited e-filing portal 2.0 was launched last night 20:45 hrs. I see in my TL grievances and glitches. Hope @Infosys & @NandanNilekani will not let down our taxpayers in the quality of service being provided," the tweet read.

On Tuesday, taxpayers took to Twitter registering their complaints on the portal running slowly, being unable to open it on mobile handsets, and problems with KYC verifications. Nilekani responded to Sitharaman's complaint saying that the new portal will ease the filing process and enhance end-user experience.

"We have observed some technical issues on day 1, and are working to resolve them. Infosys regrets these initial glitches and expects system to stabilise during the week," he said.

Sitharaman, during her earlier stint as the Minister of State for commerce and industry, had taken note of Twitter complaints over Infosys' poor handling of the MCA portal, a six year project that the IT major was allocated in 2012.

In 2019, Infosys was awarded a ₹4,242 crore project by the government for creating the Income Tax Department's centralized processing unit in order to ease the tax filing process by reducing processing time as well as enabling quicker refunds.

Nilekani and his firm have also come under fire from the government for terrible user experience on portals developed by the IT major. The finance ministry had communicated to Infosys earlier regarding technical glitches faced by users in the Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) portal, a ₹1,380 crore project. Niti Aayog chairman, Amitabh Kant had also called out Infosys,for poor user experience faced by corporates.

Hyatt Regency blames Yes Bank for temporary closure

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

ASIAN Hotels (West) Ltd said in a statement on Tuesday that the hotel management has had to take the unprecedented move of temporarily shutting down the Hyatt Regency hotel in Mumbai because Yes Bank, with which it maintains an account, has blocked that account and held back all funds.

Yes Bank took this drastic step after the hotel management defaulted on loan repayments.

According to the hotel management, Yes bank has hold all funds including daily hotel collections in the escrow account due to which the hotel is not allowed to make any payments, including statutory payments like GST, VAT, TDS, PF, ESIC, etc, vendors payments, salaries of on roll employees and other critical hotel services from the said account.

Yes Bank has only made some payments from the company's escrow account towards bills for the hotel's electricity, water and gas consumption.

The company has more than 300 hotel and corporate employees on its rolls.

According to an earlier disclosure to the stock exchanges, the hotel defaulted on paying ₹4.32 crore (principal and interest) in May 2021. Out of the total amount of ₹4.83 crore due on different dates in April and May 2021, the hotel could make a payment of only ₹51 lakh.

A query sent to Yes Bank by this publication remained unanswered.

The company's total outstanding loans (from various banks) stood at ₹262.54 crore as on May 1, 2021.

Covid-19 had severely impacted revenues of Asian Hotels (West). In the 9-month period till December 2020, the company could generate only ₹30 crore revenue compared to ₹81 crore in the same period in financial year 2019-20. The company also posted a net loss of ₹32 crore during the period against a profit of ₹3 crore in the previous year.

The company owns two properties-Hyatt Regency in Mumbai and JW Marriott in Aerocity New Delhi.

Carlyle-led capital infusion plan for PNB Housing faces red flags

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

Questions are likely to be raised at the shareholders' meeting of PNB Housing Finance later this month over its preferential allotment to Carlyle, which would give the private equity firm control over PNB Housing Finance.

According to a section of proxy advisory firms, the ₹4,000 crore investment in PNB Housing Finance, led by Carlyle Group, is against the interests of minority shareholders of the mortgage lender.

"On the face of it, SES finds this deal unfair to public shareholders of the company and shareholders of PNB. As controlling shareholder of the company, PNB has blown away the value," said governance watchdog Stakeholders Empowerment Services (SES), recommending that public shareholders of PNB Housing cast votes 'against' the resolution on preferential allotment.

PNB held a 33 per cent stake in PNB Housing and Carlyle, through two different entities, before the transaction. Post the investment, PNB's holding will drop to 20 per cent, while Carlyle will own 50.2 per cent stake. SES has questioned PNB's decision to allow its stake to slip below 26 per cent even though it had categorically mentioned in the past that it will not dilute its stake to below 26 per cent.

According to Shriram Subramanian, MD of shareholder advisory firm InGovern Research Services, however, there are various ways to view it.

"PNB Housing has been trying to raise funds for two years now and against this backdrop, it may have had little choice to go with a rights issue—which typically takes a longer time. The fresh equity capital will provide the much-needed balance sheet strength and support growth, eventually unlocking shareholder value." Meanwhile, Aditya Puri's investment has added some optimism.

The stock, which was trading at ₹525.65 on May 31, has risen 62 per cent to ₹852.20 on June 8, within days of the deal announcement. Following the infusion, a mandatory open offer will be launched for 7.08 crore equity shares at a price of ₹403.22 apiece. "(This) is a mere formality given the market price. It is highly unlikely that any shareholder would tender their shares," SES said.

Fair deal to stakeholders

Instead of going for a preferential issue that majorly changes the company's ownership, SES believes that a rights issue would have been fairer to all stakeholders

ASIANOMICS

THAILAND

THAI BIZ SENTIMENT HITS 11-MONTH LOW

Thailand's industries' sentiment dropped for a second straight month in May, hitting an 11-month low due to a third wave of coronavirus infections and a slow vaccine rollout, an industry group said Tuesday. The Federation of Thai Industries said its Thai industries sentiment index fell to 82.3 last month from 84.3 in April, when its biggest outbreaks emerged. The tourism-reliant country started its mass vaccination drive on Monday and is preparing a phased reopening to vaccinated foreign visitors later this year, depending on the progress with inoculations. The index for the next three months, however, picked up from April on optimism over the government's economic stimulus packages and increased exports, a key driver of Thai growth. It also urged the government to accelerate the vaccination drive to create herd immunity, plus introduce additional financial measures.

JAPAN

OFFICIAL Q1 GDP NUMBERS UPGRADED

Japan's economy shrank less than initially reported in Q1 due to smaller cuts in plant and equipment spending, but the coronavirus pandemic still dealt a huge blow to overall demand. The economy shrank an annualised 3.9% in Q1, not as bad as the preliminary reading of a 5.1% contraction, but still posting the first fall in three quarters, official data showed. The revised GDP decline was mainly due to a smaller fall in public and capital spending, both of which eased less than initially thought, offsetting a slightly larger fall in private consumption. Separate data showed growth in bank lending slowed sharply in May, while real wages posted the biggest monthly jump in more than a decade in April, in signs that the world's third-largest economy was gradually overcoming last year's pandemic hit. There are some reassuring signs for policymakers, who are worried Japan's recovery will lag others.

HONG KONG

TO TEST LINKING E-CNY TO LOCAL FINANCE SYSTEM

Hong Kong is to test connecting China's digital yuan with its domestic payments network, officials said on Tuesday—the second stage of trials with China's digital currency in the financial hub. China's e-CNY is one of the most advanced central bank digital currency (CBDC) projects among major economies. Chinese officials say the project will be domestically focused initially, but cross-border trials are also under way in Hong Kong. Countries around the world are looking at developing CBDCs to modernize their financial systems, ward off the threat from cryptocurrencies, and speed up domestic and international payments. The latest trial will explore how Hong Kong residents can top up an e-CNY digital wallet using the city's faster payment system, currently used to make domestic payments via mobile phones. An earlier trial explored using e-CNY digital wallets.

World Bank cuts India's FY22 growth forecast

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE World Bank on Tuesday cut down its forecast for India's GDP growth in fiscal year 2021-22 from 10.1 per cent in April to 8.3 per cent.

The multinational financier cited the country's struggle with the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, which it says has hampered India's economic recovery. The World Bank also projected a growth of 7.5 per cent in FY 2022-23.

India had recorded its worst ever contraction of 7.3 per cent in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2021 (FY21) and a 4 per cent expansion in 2019-20.

According to the World Bank, India's GDP is likely to grow by 6.5 per cent in 2023-24. The global lender made the forecast in its latest issue of Global Economic Prospects, noting that its "recovery is being hampered by the largest outbreak of any country since the beginning of the pandemic.

Its forecast for India factors in the impact and the World Bank expects economic activity to follow the same, yet less pronounced, collapse and recovery pattern seen during the first wave.

8.3 per cent
India GDP growth in FY22

7.5 per cent
India GDP growth in FY23

"The pandemic will undermine consumption and investment as confidence remains depressed and balance sheets damaged. Growth in FY23 is expected to slow to 7.5 per cent, reflecting lingering impacts of Covid-19 on household, corporate and bank balance sheets; possibly low levels of consumer confidence; and heightened uncertainty on job and income prospects," the report pointed out, adding that policy support would help offset the impact.

As for the global economy, itsaid that it expects an expansion of 5.6 per cent in 2021, the strongest growth since the post-recession pace recorded 80 years ago.

LENDING

Corporate deleveraging cripples credit growth: Report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BANK credit growth hit a 59-year low of 5.56 per cent in fiscal 2020-21 and is expected to languish near those levels this year too, thanks to corporates rapidly deleveraging by repaying high cost loans through funds raised via bond issuances.

Data analysed by the SBI research wing showed that the top 15 sectors with more than 1,000 listed entities reported over ₹1.7 lakh crore of debt reduction in the pandemic year 2021. Refineries, Steel, Fertilizers, Mining & Mineral products, and Textile alone reduced debt by more than ₹1.5 lakh crore during FY21. In fact, Fertilizers, mining and minerals, FMCG, cement products, consumer durables, and capital Goods were among the sectors where loan reduction of 20 per cent or more were reported during 2021. To be sure, Fertilisers have reduced their loan funds by as much as a massive 67.2 per cent.

Simultaneously, taking advantage of a low term structure of interest rates, corporates are reducing their loan liabilities to facilitate a lower finance cost, which resulted in the primary issuance of bonds to increase by nine per cent.

For example, the spread of AAA bonds for a 10-year tenor declined from 124 bps in April 2020 to 70 bps in April 2021. Similarly, the spread for 5 year and 3-year bonds declined from 89 bps and 147 bps in April 2020 to 9 bps and 30 bps in April 202,1 respectively.

"This trend is continuing in FY22 also," said Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, State Bank of India.

Meanwhile, these corporates have increased their cash and bank balance by around 35 per cent at an aggregate level in FY21 compared to the previous year, suggesting a conservative approach to conserve cash during uncertain times. Corporate willingness for new investments also remains tepid as the economy is still recovering from the second wave.

Hit by employee exits, Indian IT cos may face talent crunch for large projects

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S IT service providers may face a talent crunch for the next few quarters with rising voluntary attritions (exits) impacting their margins and big deal signings across some verticals, top industry experts tracking the sector said.

India's IT service providers are facing a stiff challenge from Global In-house Centres (GIC) and captives (offshore centres performing certain operations of global firms) as well as a rising number of tech unicorns that are actively recruiting skilled professionals.

India's IT biggies, according to sources, are unable to match the employee remunerations being offered by GICs as well as big start-ups, which has led to a spike in voluntary attrition over the past few quarters. Unlike the 4-8 per cent salary hikes announced by IT majors last year, global rivals as well as tech unicorns are currently offering double digit remuneration hikes for AI, cloud, and cybersecurity skills.

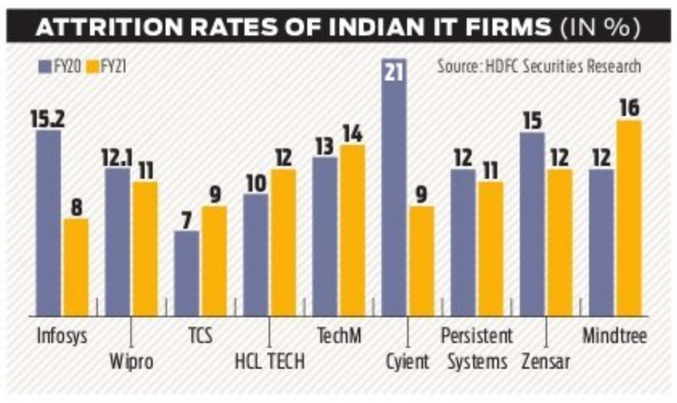
Industry experts said that the talent crunch the sector is facing right now will adversely impact their deal signings for next few quarters due to supply issues, and will also lead to a dilution of margins for FY22. IT service firms such as Infosys and Wipro reported higher attrition rates for Q4 FY21, even as Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and HCL Tech were able to retain their employees—exits dropping in Q4.

Attrition rates for mid-tier Indian IT companies such as L&T Tech, Persistent Communications, Cyient, and Zensar rose even more sharply, with a few witnessing a double-digit percentage drop in FY21 headcounts, HDFC Securities' data showed. Cognizant, which saw a flurry of top level exits, saw as many as 3,000 exits in 2020.

"(On the) supply-side, in some cases, commercial opportunities were forgone due to an inability to source talent. The impact on attrition rates and absenteeism and client delivery remains somewhat uncertain. Attrition peaked in March, slowed in April and continues to slow in May," HDFC Securities said. Tech Mahindra, which drives a major part of its revenues from Business Processing Outsourcing services, saw a headcount drop of 3.3 per cent with 3,994 exits, while L&T Tech's headcount reduced by 2.6 per cent year-on-year.

Pareekh Jain, CEO, Pareekh Consulting, said that at the onset of Covid-19, companies had laid off employees fearing a drop in demand. "However, a rebound was witnessed post Q2 FY21, especially due to the rapid scale of digitisation of businesses and a shortage of skills in AI, cloud, cyber security, and IoT. The salary hikes being offered by the big companies has not been at par with the global firms, or even startups, leading to a flurry of exits".

ATTRITION RATES OF INDIAN IT FIRMS (IN %)



'Commercial opportunities foregone'

The inability to source talent resulted in commercial opportunities foregone in some cases, HDFC Securities said, noting that attrition peaked in March, slowed in April and May. "Impact on attrition rates, absenteeism, and client delivery remains somewhat unknown," it said

EXPRESS READ

CCI clears Byju's buyout of AES

New Delhi: The Competition Commission has approved ed-tech startup Byju's proposed acquisition of Aakash Educational Services Ltd (AESL). The deal, estimated to be worth around $1 billion, which will bolster Byju's presence in the test preparation segment in the country, was announced in April this year. Deals beyond certain threshold require approval from CCI.

63 Moons appeals Piramal DHFL bid

New Delhi: 63 Moons Technologies that has a claim of ₹200 crore from Dewan Housing Finance, which is being taken over by the Piramal Group for as low as ₹37,500 crore against a total claim of close to ₹85,000 crore, on Tuesday said it will challenge the resolution at the NCLAT shortly. 63 Moons says the resolution plan is contrary to law and against the interest of all creditors.

CENTRAL BANK MAY BE PRIVATISED

CONTINUED FROM P1

FINANCE Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, while unveiling Budget 2021-22 on February 1, had said the government would take up the privatisation of two public-sector banks and one general insurance company. She also said the government will conclude privatisation of Air India.

According to sources, Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of Maharashtra and Bank of India are being considered for privatisation. The government also plans to exit LIC-controlled IDBI Bank.

Meanwhile, bank unions opposing the privatisation move had gone on a two-day strike in March. At that time, Sitharaman assured them privatisation would in fact ensure jobs are protected and that no employee would be fired. According to the Central government, the PSBs being considered for disinvestment are over-staffed.

Auto debit defaults rise for the second month

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

EMPHASIZING the continuing building up of stress due to the halt in economic activities, the number of failed recurring transactions, or auto-debit bounce rate, have again gone up in May. Data captured through the National Automated Clearing House (NACH) showed that 35.91 per cent or 30.8 million such transactions failed in the month of May.

NACH processes auto-debit transactions for bank accounts for recurring payments like loan equated-monthly-installments (EMIs), utility bill payments, and insurance premiums. The NACH platform is largely used to collect payments for loans, investment in mutual funds, and insurance premiums. But the largest chunk of these transactions, about 80 per cent, are for Equated Monthly Installments (EMI) alone.

In April, the bounce rate stood at 34.05 per cent, higher by 130 basis points compared to 32.8 per cent in March. In terms of volumes, 29 million auto-debit transactions worth ₹22,000 crore failed in April primarily due to lack of funds.

To be sure, this is not the highest default rate on auto-debit transactions since Covid-19 hit. Bounce rates in June 2020 went up to as much as 45.37 per cent of total transactions, before starting to decline to about 36 per cent in January this year, and 32.8 per cent in March. The stress in payments comes at a time when most banks have been warning of elevated stress in retail loans. HDFC Bank CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan had recently said that retail loans may see higher delinquencies in the near term.

India might have two flag-bearers at Olympics: Batra

In a first, India might have two flag-bearers — one male and one female — at the upcoming Tokyo Olympics to ensure "gender parity", said Indian Olympic Association chief Narinder Batra on Tuesday. The names will be revealed "soon", Batra said. Abhinav Bindra was the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro.

SA hockey crowdfunding their way to Tokyo

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

ON November 9, South Africa's men's hockey coach, Garreth Ewing, took to Twitter to shine a light on the underfunded hockey programme in their country. "Our hardworking luggage has finally given up," he posted. "The@SA_Hockey_Men are in need of three large suitcases for the storage and transport of equipment. If you're able to help, please DM me." He had posted a picture — a big suitcase that's clearly past its expiry date — with the tweet.

Since then, the SA men's hockey programme have scored a major victory in the form of partnering with matchkit, a fintech solutions company that has helped the side crowdfund their way to the Olympics. Even if the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC), their National Olympic Committee (NOC) will foot their flight charges to Tokyo, that's where the funding stops. That is clearly not a helpful solution for a team that aspires to surprise quite a few sides in Tokyo.

Ewing picks up the story from how the situation was in November to now. "It's (men's hockey) a very amateur programme in SA," he tells this daily. "We have zero budget, players are always under constant pressure financially and we try our best to make sure they don't pay anything out of their pockets. About six months ago, I posted a note on social media, saying we are looking for opportunities (for sponsors to get in touch with us). That's when Mike (Sharman, co-founder of matchkit) sent me a message."

That message quickly grew into a meeting over coffee where both parties agreed to give it a try. "All of our players, myself and my support staff were given digital profiles on matchkit. That's enabled us to drive this crowdfund over the last four-five months. That money will go towards our preparation for the Games."

Since SASCOC doesn't give them money to fund training camps or buy basic training equipment like balls, you can argue that without matchkit, the team will have been undercooked. "For example, our next two week camp in South Africa is from the money we have raised on the platform," Ewing explains. "It's helped us buy 100 new balls. Not just that, it will help pay for the travelling costs of all players. As far as Tokyo is concerned, it could allow us to take a few extra support staff as well as reserve players." In fact, it's so underfunded they need money to even conduct Covid tests for the players. How does it work? Ewing sends a link of the fundraising page on matchkit. It's aptly titled 'SA Hockey's Tokyo Olympic dream'. All members of the SA men's side have similar pages. Money raised will sit in a central account, which will 100% be used towards preparing for Tokyo.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Srihari

Swimmer Srihari keen to make most of Olympic lifeline

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THERE is some good news for elite India swimmers, Srihari Nataraj and Sajan Prakash, who will both get twin shots at making the Olympic A cut as they are set to participate in a qualifying event in Serbia and Italy later this month. Besides the two, several other youngsters will also participate in Europe. Prakash, who trains in Dubai, is expected to reach Serbia by June 12.

All eyes will be on Olympics hopefuls -- Srihari and Sajan during the Belgrade Trophy (June 19-20), and Sette Colli International Trophy in Rome (June 25-27). It is important to note that the qualification period ends on June 27, meaning these two competitions provide Srihari and Sajan (both have B cut against their name) a final opportunity to seal the A-mark Olympic Qualifying Time.

However, it has been a difficult period especially for Srihari. He has not hit the water for almost three weeks with the Karnataka government shutting down pools due to the prevailing Covid-19 situation. With the swimmers reaching more than a week in advance, the 20-year-old will be keen to make the most of his time to train in Serbia to deliver his best. The Uzbekistan Championship in April was the last time Srihari competed, where he fell short of the A cut by 0.22 seconds. It was his first major competition after the lockdown in March.

"We are going a few days earlier, and will be training there. Both physically and mentally, I am feeling really good. The workouts before the lockdown were also going very well. If I can get back to form....in fact, it is just a matter of one good race. Hopefully I can pull off something special (in Serbia and Italy)," said Srihari, who flew on Wednesday morning to Belgrade via Doha from Bengalury with coach Nihar Ameen by his side and a couple of other swimmers as well.

Besides Nihar, another coach Pradeep Kumar will also accompany the team.

SQUAD FOR BELGRADE TROPHY: Srihari Nataraj (50m & 100m Backstroke), Sajan Prakash (100 & 200m Butterfly, 200m Freestyle), Maana Patel (100m Backstroke), Kenisha Gupta (50m & 100m Freestyle), Tanish Mathew (100m,200m Butterfly,200 Free), Aryan Nehra (200m,400m)500m Freestyle), Shoan Ganguli (200m,400m Individual Medley, 100,200m Butterfly)

SQUAD FOR SETTI COLLI TROPHY, ROME: Srihari Nataraj (50m & 100m Backstroke), Sajan Prakash (100 & 200m Butterfly, 200m Freestyle), Maana Patel (100m Backstroke), Kenisha Gupta (50m & 100m Freestyle), Tanish Mathew (200m Freestyle, 200m Butterfly)

ANKITA TO PARTNER SANIA

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

IT'S official. Ankita Raina will partner Sania Mirza in the women's doubles event at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Ankita, who confirmed the news to this daily, had first posted on Instagram. "With great honour and pride, I inform you that I have been selected to represent India at the Olympics in the women's doubles category partnering Sania Mirza," she wrote on the official ONGC page, her employer. "The effort and hardwork put in all these years have been fruitful with your invaluable support and encouragement. I take this opportunity to express my immense gratitude to ONGC corporation. I will do my best to make India proud."

Even though Ankita has made giant strides in her singles game in the last year, she has had some immense results in doubles in 2021. Apart from making her first main draw appearance in doubles, she also picked up a first title in doubles at the elite level. As a consequence, she is ranked No 95 in doubles (No 183 in singles). She is currently playing at the Nottingham Open.

Interestingly, Ankita could yet feature in the singles draw too. That's because both the Asian Games gold medallist (who receives a wildcard) and the silver medallist are, as it stands, set to make the cut thanks to their rankings. Ankita, who won a bronze at the Asiad, could receive that place if theMirza International Tennis Federation (ITF) decides to give that place to the next eligible candidate.

Sania has a current doubles ranking of 161 but her protected ranking of No 9 guarantees her a place in the draw as long as she partners with a player inside the top 300. It isn't known yet if the pair plan to play a few meets together before leaving for Tokyo in the fourth week of July.

Anastasia in semis

Two days after beating American great, Kazakhstan's Rybakina loses to Russian Pavlyuchenkova in quarters

AFP @ Paris

ANASTASIA Pavlyuchenkova reached her first Grand Slam semi-final at the 52nd attempt on Tuesday and will be favoured to make the French Open final when she takes on world No 85 Tamara Zidansek of Slovenia.

Pavlyuchenkova, the world No 32, beat doubles partner Elena Rybakina 6-7 (2/7), 6-2, 9-7 in her first quarter-final appearance at Roland Garros since 2011. "There are so many emotions to reach a Grand Slam semi-final for the first time," said 29-year-old Pavlyunchenkova, who had fallen at the quarter-final stage at the majors on six previous occasions since her 2007 debut.

"I always had the tennis. Mentally I'm probably more solid now. I am trying to play smarter tennis. I'm working harder." Rybakina dumped out Serena Williams in the previous round and raced into a 4-1 lead in the opener. Pavlyuchenkova broke back in the seventh game before the 6ft (1.84m) Russian-born Kazakh dominated the tiebreak.

The Russian levelled the tie courtesy of breaks in the sixth and eighth games of the second set. In a tense decider, there were four breaks in the first six games before Rybakina cracked in the 16th game, going down tamely on her sixth double fault. Earlier, the unheralded Zidansek became the first woman representing Slovenia to advance to the last four at a Grand Slam.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova returns to Elena Rybakina in Paris on Tuesday | AFP

RESULTS (QUARTERFINALS)

● **WOMEN:** Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (RUS x31) bt Elena Rybakina (KAZ x21) 6-7 (2/7), 6-2, 9-7; Tamara Zidansek (SLO) bt Paula Badosa (ESP x33) 7-5, 4-6, 8-6

YOUNG WORLD

The European Championships has always proved to be an effective pathway for some of the most precociously talented footballers to serve notice of their skills to a wider audience (think Wayne Rooney in 2004). Up next in the list of our ongoing Euros countdown, here's a look at five such players who could play their way into the wider consciousness.

Phil Foden | Age 21 | England

From winning the U-17 World Cup in India to becoming Pep Guardiola's go-to player for the big occasions, Foden has come a long way. His 16 goals and 10 assists helped Manchester City win the Premier League title and reach the Champions League final. Now Gareth Southgate is all set to unleash the Stockport-born winger in his first Euros campaign. The newly-crowned PFA Young Player of the Year, who made his full England debut last September, is the jewel in the crown of a young and talented Three Lions squad looking to make up for past disappointments in the international arena.

Pedri | Age 18 | Spain

Spain have always been blessed with diminutive playmakers, and Pedri is the latest starlet to emerge from the Canary Islands, following in the footsteps of David Silva and Pedro Rodriguez. In his debut season for Barcelona, the midfielder was an ever-present figure and formed a near telepathic connection with Lionel Messi. He made his Spain debut in a World Cup qualifier against Greece in March and Luis Enrique trusts the youngster to come up with the goods when the chips are down.

Ryan Gravenberch | Age 19 | Netherlands

Back in 2018, then-16-year-old Gravenberch had become the youngest player to have ever featured for Ajax. Now a regular for the Dutch giants, he became a fully-fledged international back in March. Able to play in multiple positions, a trait highly valued by the Netherlands manager Frank de Boer, the Dutch youngster will be one of the key men as the Oranje seek to progress deep into the tournament. Likened to French superstar Paul Pogba, Gravenberch will have the eyes of the world on him and his performances in the Euros could start a bidding war among the elite European clubs.

Dejan Kulusevski | Age 21 | Sweden

His versatility has seen him being employed in a variety of positions during his debut campaign for Juventus. Andrea Pirlo used him often at the expense of stars Paulo Dybala and Alvaro Morata. That should tell you a thing or two about the youngster's talent. The Swede has already been dubbed as the next national hero, following in the footsteps of former stars Freddie Ljungberg and Zlatan Ibrahimovic. Those are big shoes to fill but with strike partner Alexander Isak, the Swedes will once again be a major threat and teams should discount them at their own peril.

Jeremy Doku | Age 19 | Belgium

Adept at playing from either flank, the youngster has cemented his place in the Rennes first-team. Premier League clubs have been circling for quite some time now despite his young age and a noteworthy performance in the Euros could catapult him into stardom. With eight caps to his name for the world's top national team already, it shows how highly regarded he is. With Eden Hazard's injury woes, expect to see a lot of Doku as Belgium seek to finally make the most of their golden generation.

Bhutia lauds Chhetri's longevity and class

MARTIN JOSEPH @Kochi

OVER the years, Indian football has enjoyed a talismanic figure up front who carries the team on his shoulders with memorable goals. If it was IM Vijayan in early 1990s, it was Bhaichung Bhutia who took over the mantle later. When it was time for the 'Sikkimese Sniper' to hang up his boots, Sunil Chhetri was waiting on the sidelines.

However, Chhetri – who is India's all-time top scorer – will turn 37 in August, and yet the national team continues to be over-reliant on him. The question of who will be his successor remains unanswered.

Against Bangladesh, it was the Bengaluru FC forward who made the difference with two goals, which took his international tally to 74 and helped keep India's hopes of qualifying for 2023 Asian Cup alive.

Chhetri is now only behind Cristiano Ronaldo in the list of active international goalscorers in men's football. However, former India captain Bhutia feels that India continues to look to Chhetri for inspiration and not operate as a collective unit.

"As a team, we've not been able to do much (as the national team). There are matches where Sunil has been able to single-handedly give you the result. I thought that apart from those two goals of Sunil, we had nothing to talk about (against Bangladesh)," he said during a virtual media interaction on Tuesday.

Bhutia went on to praise Chhetri for his longevity. "If you look at Chhetri and his career, he's never had a major surgery. He's had small injuries. So that way, I think if you are lucky, you are not injured and you can go on to play longer. In India now, if you look at the players playing in ISL, they have the support system. Just the ground conditions they get to play in makes a big difference. I've played in grounds where you can't even walk your dog," said Bhutia, who will be seen in a panelist's role for the upcoming Euros.

Watch UEFA EURO 2020 - LIVE on Sony Ten 2 (English) & Sony Ten 4 (Tamil & Telugu) channels from June 11

EXPRESS READ

Deepak out of Poland Open due to injury

WARSAW: Olympic-bound Indian wrestler Deepak Punia on Tuesday pulled out of the Poland Open here to avoid aggravating his left-elbow injury that he carried into the last Ranking Series event before the Tokyo Games.

Refugee team of 29 athletes picked for Oly

LAUSANNE: The refugee team for the Tokyo Olympics has 29 athletes competing in 12 sports. The team selected by the IOC was drawn from 55 athletes who fled their home countries and got scholarships to train for the games.

ISL's new rule mandates 7 Indians in playing XI

MUMBAI: The 2021 Indian Super League will see an increase in local players' on-field participation thanks to a new set of guidelines that mandates clubs to field a minimum of seven footballers at one time from the previous six.

Covid-19 vaccine drive for state sports personnel

BENGALURU: A Covid-19 vaccination drive for sports personnel from the state will take place at the Kanteerava Stadium on Thursday and Friday. The Karnataka Olympic Association thanked the Governement of Karnataka for issuing order for the drive, which will also benefit coaches, managers, office bearers, staff of different sports associations and stadiums in the district headquarters, town and taluk level.

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2	DMA/2020-21/IND11724/CALLL-2	Procurement Of 08 Numbers Of Trailer Mounted Mobile Toilet With 08 Number Of Seats (04 No S Indian & 04 Nos Western) Per Unit For Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation

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No.: CUDA/CR/TENDER/01/2021-22 Date: 05.06.2021

Tender Notification

(1) The Commissioner, Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority invites Tenders from the eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the table below. Two tender document procedure as per KTPP rules 2000 shall be followed. **(2)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-procurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in (3)** Tenders must be electronically submitted in e-procurement portal. **(4)** Further information, if required, can be obtained from the office of the Commissioner, Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority during working hours. **(5)** Head of account: Lake development fund. Name of work: **Development of eco theme park near Kandhavara tank of Chikkaballapr town by Chikkaballapur Urban Development Authority (CUDA) (UDD/2021-22/0W/WORK_INDENT1325).** Amt put to tender: **Rs. 472.39 Lakhs.** Period of completion: **9 Months.**

(1) Date from which tender document can be downloaded: **07.06.2021. (2)** Pre-bid meeting (Through google meet only) **21.06.2021, 11:00 A.M. (3)** Last date & Time for receipt of tenders **07.07.2021, 5:30 P.M. (4)** Date & Time for opening of Technical bid **09.07.2021, 11:00 A.M. (5)** Date & Time for opening of Financial bid **16.07.2021, 11:00 A.M. or later.**

Google meet link will be sent through e-mail on specific request of prospective bidders. In case of change in calendar of events, it will be published in e-procurement portal only. No separate paper notification will be given.

Sd/- Commissioner,
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Vietnam begs its citizens for money to buy vaccine doses

MEDICINE

HANOI: Vietnam, once a model for its successful handling of the pandemic, has started asking for public donations to buy vaccines as it struggles to contain a new coronavirus wave.

The Southeast Asian country has vaccinated only about one percent of its population of nearly 100 million, and authorities have become increasingly alarmed by a spike in cases.

Since last week, mobile phone users have received up to three text messages urging them to contribute to a Covid-19 vaccine fund, while civil servants have been encouraged to part with a day's pay.

Some residents, fearful of the virus' impact on Vietnam's economy – one of the few in the world to expand last year – told AFP they support the fundraising drive.

Vietnam's industrial northern provinces -- home to factories of Samsung and Foxconn – have been particularly badly hit by the latest outbreak.

Across the country, tens of thousands of people have lost their jobs, according to state media, with restaurants forced to close in major hubs.

The government has said it aims to secure 150 million doses this year to cover 70% of its population -- at a cost of $1.1 billion. But only $630 million has been allocated to vaccine procurement in the budget.

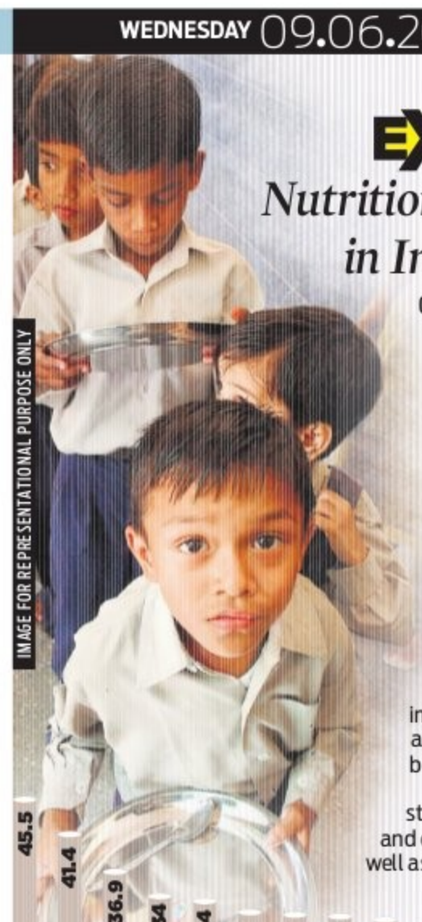
By Tuesday, over 231,000 persons and organisations had donated $181 million to the campaign. Another $140 million has been promised by businesses.

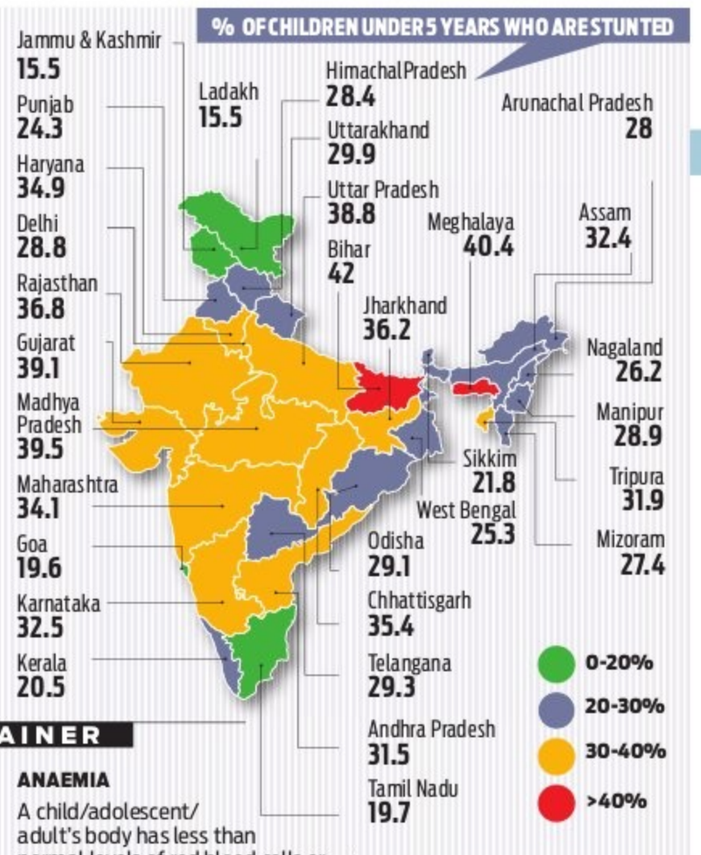
However, the campaign has been shunned by some who are concerned with how the money will be spent.

EXFILE • HEALTH

Nutritional deficiency in India's children

One of the most crucial indicators of a country's development is the health of children. India has for long had more proportion of stunted kids than Sub-Saharan Africa, despite the positive impact of schemes such as mid-day meals. Here's a look at what government data says on our nation's burden of two nutrition-related conditions





EXPLAINER

STUNTING

The growth of a child is impaired due to poor nutrition and diseases. Their height will be lower than normal for their age. Other consequences of stunting are poor mental skills and educational achievement, as well as an higher risk of developing chronic diseases later in life

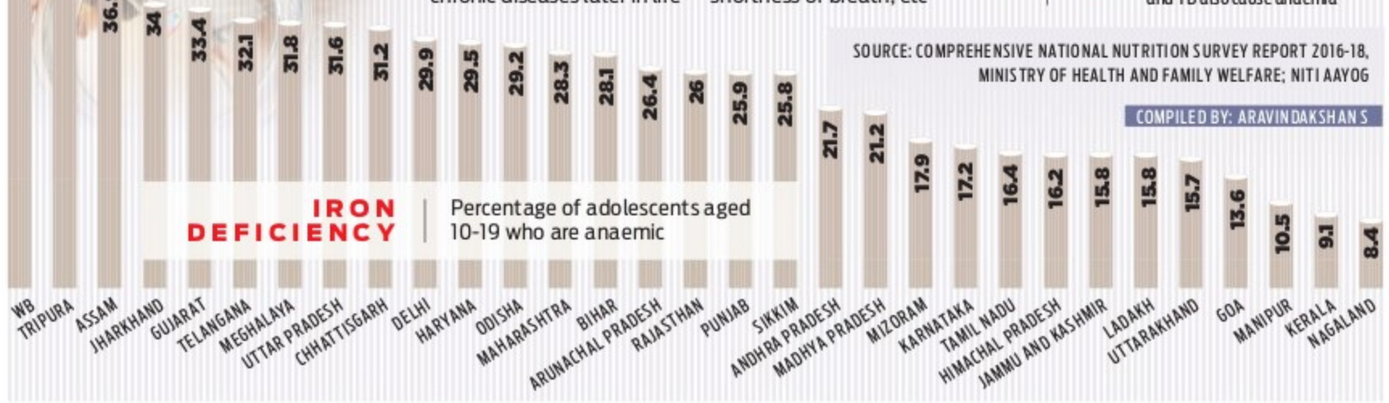
ANAEMIA

A child/adolescent/adult's body has less than normal levels of red blood cells or the haemoglobin concentration within the cells. With low haemoglobin, our blood carries less oxygen to tissues, causing fatigue, weakness, dizziness and shortness of breath, etc

NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCIES THAT CAUSE ANAEMIA

■ Iron ■ Folate
■ Vit B12 ■ Vit A

Note: Diseases such as malaria and TB also cause anaemia



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Delta variant crowding out others, S'pore data shows

STATISTICS

A media report on Tuesday highlighted the highly infectious nature of the Delta variant, first detected in India six months ago, among Singapore's population.

Singapore is among the few places in the world that sequence all their Covid-19 cases, *Bloomberg* reported, and thus the city's state's sequencing data gives us an idea of how the B.1.617.2 variant spreads.

Among 449 cases in Singapore that were caused by variants of concern as of May 31, 428 were of the Delta variant, the country's health ministry said. The next biggest group was nine cases tied to the Beta strain, first detected in South Africa.

Governments and experts acknowledge that certain variants of the novel coronavirus are more transmissible than other variants, which emerge as the original virus mutates because of prolonged spread.

The Delta variant has also been linked to "unusual symptoms like hearing loss and blood clots leading to gangrene, suggesting its impact may be more severe than other strains. In England and Scotland, early evidence suggests it carries a higher risk of hospitalization," *Bloomberg* reported.

The Delta variant has been reported in more than 60 countries, as per the WHO.

The Mastercard Foundation, one of the world's largest, will spend $1.3 billion over the next three years to acquire and deliver Covid vaccines for over 50 million people in Africa in a first-of-its-kind effort for a Western nonprofit.

WTO panel mulls easing vaccines' IP protections

Revised proposal from India and S Africa on table for 2-day meeting on temporary waiver

MEDICINE

GENEVA: Envoys from World Trade Organization member nations are taking up a proposal to ease patents and other intellectual property protections for Covid-19 vaccines to help developing countries fight the pandemic, an idea backed by the Biden administration but opposed in other wealthy countries with strong pharmaceutical industries.

On the table for a two-day meeting of a WTO panel opening Tuesday is a revised proposal presented by India and South Africa for a temporary IP waiver on coronavirus vaccines. The idea has drawn support from more than 60 countries, which now include the United States and China.

Some European Union member states oppose the idea, and the EU on Friday offered an alternative proposal that relies on existing World Trade Organization rules. The 27-nation bloc said those rules currently allow governments to grant production licenses — such as for Covid-19 vaccines or therapies — to manufacturers in their countries without the consent of the patent holders in times of emergency.

At stake in the meeting is whether the various sides can move toward drawing up a unified text, a key procedural step that could unlock accelerated negotiations. Inside observers cautioned, however, that a major breakthrough was not expected.

Even optimistic supporters acknowledge an IP waiver could take months to finalise because of solid resistance from some countries and WTO rules that require consensus on such decisions — meaning a single country among the 164 members could scuttle any proposal. Even if adopted, ratification would also take time.

Advocacy groups, emboldened by the support the United States announced last month, have increasingly pushed the plan and insisted it would not be as difficult to carry out as detractors would say.

Doctors Without Borders, a Nobel Peace Prize-winning humanitarian agency, faulted the European Union, Switzerland, Norway and other holdouts on the IP waiver idea Monday for employing alleged "delaying tactics."

Pharmaceutical companies insist that an IP waiver could dampen the incentive for researchers and entrepreneurs to innovate and say vaccine-sharing by rich countries would be a much faster way to get shots to health workers and at-risk populations in the developing world.

The World Health Organization has repeatedly inveighed against unequal access to vaccines, noting that rich countries scooped up supplies well in excess of the need of their own populations.

UNUSUAL PERCH

A peacock stands on a chair in the visitors' resting area of the Lucknow Zoo amid the lockdown in Uttar Pradesh | PTI

Tracing virus particles' travel through lungs

RESEARCH

SYDNEY: When we inhale isolated coronavirus particles, more than 65% reach the deepest region of our lungs where damage to cells can lead to low blood oxygen levels, new research has discovered.

The study, led by the University of Technology Sydney researchers, found that more of these aerosols reach the right lung than the left.

While previous research has revealed how virus aerosols travel through the upper airways including the nose, mouth and throat, the study published in *Physics of Fluids* was the first to examine how they flow through the lower lungs.

"Our lungs resemble tree branches that divide up to 23 times into smaller and smaller branches. Due to the complexity of this geometry it is difficult to develop a computer simulation, however we were able to model what happens in the first 17 generations, or branches, of the airways," said lead author Saidul Islam, from the varsity. "Depending on our breathing rate, between 32% and 35% of viral particles are deposited in these first 17 branches."

The findings have implications for the development of targeted drug delivery devices.

73% of what we spend on food doesn't reach farmers at all: Study

AGRICULTURE

FARMERS worldwide receive barely a quarter of what consumers spend at the grocery store, and even less for food consumed outside the home, researchers said.

Beyond the question of whether farmers get their fair share, the multi-step processing from farm to table may not be compatible with sustainable development, according to a study published in the journal *Nature Food*.

"People do not recognise how much of what we pay for in our meals is not the physical food," Cornell University's Chris Barrett, senior author of the study, told AFP by email.

"Most of the value addition in the global food economy is not on farm but rather is the processing, manufacturing, distribution and service activities closer to the consumer."

This highly segmented value chain creates employment and provides convenience for the consumer, whether in the form of bagged salads, frozen dinners or a meal at the mall.

But these consumer advantages should also be measured against the impact on health and the environment, the authors argue.

"Greenhouse gas emissions is a good example," said Barrett, pointing to the carbon pollution generated by all the steps in the value chain. "So is water use."

Building on a method originally applied to the US, the researchers developed a standardised approach to estimate the importance of food value chains between farmers and consumers.

They applied this yardstick to data from 2005 to 2015 on 61 middle- and high-income countries that cover 90 percent of the global food economy.

They found that, on average, farmers receive 27 percent of what is paid for foods consumers eat at home.

Farmers in fast-growing economies like China and India will earn more as their populations get richer, but their share of food spending is likely to shrink as demand for convenient consumption grows.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Dino species identified

PALAEONTOLOGY

A gigantic dinosaur discovered in Australia's outback has been identified as a new species and recognised as one of the largest to ever roam the Earth, according to palaeontologists. The Australotitan cooperensis, part of the titanosaur family that lived about 100 million years ago, has finally been named and described 15 years after its bones were first uncovered. It is estimated to have stood at 5-6.5 metres (16-21 feet) high and measured 25-30 metres (82-98 feet) in length -- which would make it Australia's biggest dinosaur. "Based on the preserved limb size comparisons, this new titanosaur is estimated to be in the top five largest in the world," said Robyn Mackenzie, a director of the Eromanga Natural History Museum.

Grass ban implemented

ENVIRONMENT

In Sin City, one thing that will soon become unforgivable is useless grass. A new Nevada law will outlaw about 31% of the grass in the Las Vegas area in an effort to conserve water amid a drought that's drying up the region's primary water source: the Colorado River. Other cities and states around the US have enacted temporary bans on lawns that must be watered, but legislation signed Friday by Gov. Steve Sisolak makes Nevada the first in the US to enact a permanent ban on certain categories of grass. The global problem of using water on decorative grass, as well as Las Vegas' water woes, was covered at length in these columns on April 14 (*City seeks to ban grass to save water*).

WORLD'S AIR

CO_2 levels 50% higher than humanity's preindustrial time

CLIMATE

THE annual peak of global heat-trapping CO_2 in the air has reached another dangerous milestone: 50% higher than when the industrial age began. And the average rate of increase is faster than ever, scientists have reported.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said the average CO_2 level for May was 419.13 parts per million. That's 1.82 parts per million higher than May 2020 and 50% higher than the stable preindustrial levels of 280 parts per million, said NOAA climate scientist Pieter Tans.

Carbon dioxide levels peak every May just before plant life in the Northern Hemisphere blossoms, sucking some of that carbon out of the atmosphere and into flowers, leaves, seeds and stems. The reprieve is temporary, though, because emissions of carbon dioxide from burning coal, oil and natural gas for transportation and electricity far exceed what plants can take in, pushing greenhouse gas levels to new records every year.

"Reaching 50% higher carbon dioxide than preindustrial is really setting a new benchmark and not in a good way," said Cornell University climate scientist Natalie Mahowald, who wasn't part of the research. "If we want to avoid the worst consequences of climate change, we need to work much harder to cut carbon dioxide emissions and right away."

Climate change does more than increase temperatures. It makes extreme weather — storms, wildfires, floods and droughts — worse and more frequent and causes oceans to rise and get more acidic, studies show. There are also health effects, including heat deaths and increased pollen. In 2015, countries signed the Paris agreement to try to keep climate change to below what's considered dangerous levels.

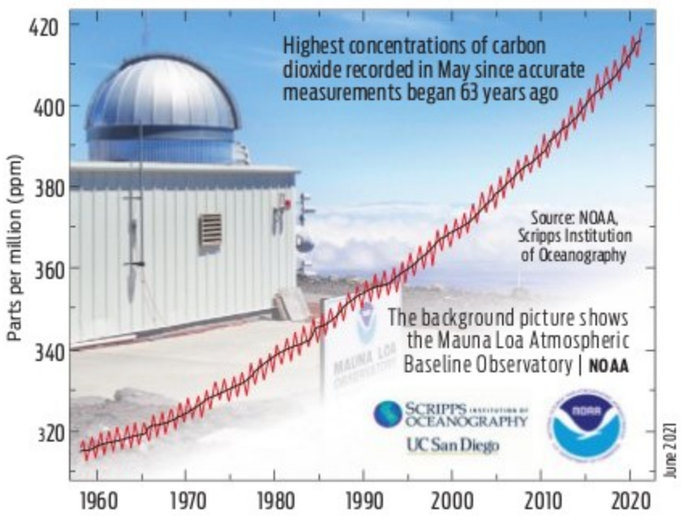
The one-year jump in CO_2 was not a record, mainly due to a La Nina weather pattern, when parts of the Pacific temporarily cool, said Scripps Institution of Oceanography geochemist Ralph Keeling.

But the May 2021 figure is the highest since accurate measurements began 63 years ago, highlighting the fact that the coronavirus pandemic had barely impacted rising levels of the greenhouse gas.

Although emissions dropped by 17% at the peak of shutdowns in 2020, that reduction was not large enough to stand out from seasonal variations caused by the way plants and soil respond to temperature, humidity and soil moisture.

"These natural variations are large, and so far the 'missing' emissions from fossil fuel burning have not stood out," NOAA said in an explanatory statement. The Mauna Loa observatory is a benchmark sampling site because of its isolated location, far from pollution sources, on a volcano in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

The graph shows the rise in atmospheric CO_2



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DAY'S DIARY

Introducing Tweety

A Gruesome Twosome, a cartoon short by Warner Bros. and Merrie Melodies was released on this day in 1945 marking Tweety bird's debut

THE PLOT

Two cats vie for the affection of a pretty girl cat, who challenges them to bring her a little bird. The bird in question is a vicious little thing named Tweety

EARLIER VERSION

Directed by Bob Clampett, *A Gruesome Twosome* features an embryonic version of Tweety, seen here as a flesh-coloured newborn bird without feathers

KNOW YOUR BIRD

Tweety bird was created by Bob Clampett for *Looney Tunes* in the early 1940s. The bird was initially named Orson

Advithi Shetty's new single out on June 10

PG 4

Manoj Bajpayee on accolades, controversies and shooting in Chennai for *The Family Man* season 2

'I AM A BIG FAN OF RAJINIKANTH AND KAMAL HAASAN'

SHILAJIT MITRA

THERE is a sublime comedy masterclass five episodes into *The Family Man* season 2. It takes place inside a Chennai police station, where superspy Srikant (Manoj Bajpayee) is locked up with his partner JK (Sharib Hashmi). It's a serious misunderstanding — they are being held for murder — but the scene is blithely hilarious. Working with co-star Devadarshini Chetan, who plays the interrogating officer, the actors raise a riot – transiting superbly from verbal comedy to a shot of them doing yoga in adjoining cells. The whole thing just builds and builds, in a way we rarely get to witness these days.

Manoj is privy to the comic aspects of his character's fame. But he also insists he's never really trying to work the crowd. "I go by the scene and the state of mind and try to catch Srikant in those circumstances," the actor elaborates. "There is never an effort from my side to make people laugh. It's never about playing to the gallery."

Manoj sounds delighted. The second season, which premiered last week, has become a unanimous hit with fans and critics. It's being touted as one of the best Indian web shows of all time. The experience reminds him of his Satya days, Manoj says. "I feel thankful for the kind of unprecedented response we are getting. There are people who are watching the show all over again. The frenzy, the reactions... these are not things one experiences too often. I feel really lucky, blessed and grateful."

In all likelihood, the raves will keep on coming. But the show has also been a major test of faith for the makers. Its trailer touched off a heated controversy over its depiction of its subject matter. The antagonist, Raji (Samantha Akkineni), is a former Sri Lankan Tamil rebel in exile. Many felt the series would be insensitive to Eelam Tamils and the historical oppression they have faced. There were calls for a boycott – and a former request for a ban.

Manoj is relieved the series has cleared up many of those doubts. "We have been saying that all the apprehensions and questions will be answered once they watch the show. *The Family Man* as a series believes in the diversity of this country. We respect each and every culture that this amazing country has. I am happy that the reception from Tamil Nadu has been quite overwhelming and I thank all of them."

Shooting in Chennai, Manoj happily adds, was a blast. One of the first things he wanted to do was stand outside Rajinikanth's house like a 'true fan'. "My only regret is that I couldn't meet him or Kamal Haasan ji. I am a big fan of both of them – Rajinikanth for the person he is and Kamal Haasan for all the inspiration I have derived from his work." But he did get to meet the others: Vijay Sethupathi, Vetrimaaran, Thiagarajan Kumararaja, Pushkar-Gayatri. "I had gone with a prepared list in my mind," Manoj shares. "It was really remarkable the time I got to spend in Chennai."

Though an episode shorter, *The Family Man* season 2 is a significant scale-up from its predecessor. There are two massive set pieces: a shootout at a police station in Episode 6, and the climax. Both put Manoj at the centre of all the action. "I'll probably have to write a book about how we shot the two sequences, and how demanding it was physically and mentally," he says. The one-shot gunfight, with the camera roving from inside the building to out and then back again, took hours and hours of planning. Manoj would return to his hotel room each day with sore feet and aches. Yet, he'd be back again for the next take. "It all comes down to the fitness and lifestyle you've been maintaining," he explains, suddenly sounding like a true-blue action star. "Then there are the emotions..."

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> Manoj Bajpayee, actor

A still from *The Family Man*

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'**

Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Thursday.

1. The township that Kempegowda planned and built in 1537 had two main streets, Doddapete and Chikkapete. While both of them are the city's oldest commercial streets, Chikkapete still carries the same name, while Doddapete's name has been changed. What is the street's present name?
2. Karnataka recently lost its long-pending legal trademark battle against Kerala for using the acronym 'KSRTC', which was used both by Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation and the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation. KSRTC was initially known as MGRTD which was established in1948 and was changed to MSRTC in 1961 and was renamed as KSRTC in 1973. Expand MGRTD.
3. Name the author of 'Bangalore Through the Centuries', one of the most sought-after books on the city's history published in 1970.

CITY READ

Union Bank of India shows profit of ₹2K cr

The board of the Union Bank of India approved the accounts for the financial year ending March 31, 2021. The operating profit of the bank improved by 40.38 % during Q4 FY21 compared to Q4 FY 20 and by 6.54% on YoY basis during FY21. Net Profit for FY21 stood at ₹2,906 crore against net loss of ₹6,613 crore for FY20, according to a release.

Canara Bank retains MCLR

Leading public sector bank, Canara Bank has retained its Marginal Cost of Fund Based Lending Rate (MCLR) on loans and advances across all tenors with effect from June 7, 2021. The overnight MCLR is 6.70 per cent, one-month MCLR is 6.70 per cent, three-month MCLR 6.95 per cent, six-month MCLR 7.30 per cent and one-year MCLR is 7.35 per cent.

Flute maestro and classical music composer Pravin Godkhindi will finish performing 100 ragas on June 24, as part of his Ragatainment series

A 'CENTURY' OF RAGAS

SANATH PRASAD

IT was on July 6, 2020, that Bengaluru-based Hindustani artiste Pravin Godkhindi began his Ragatainment series: Performing 101 ragas live on Mondays and Thursdays to spread classical music on online fora.

A year on, he has completed 95 ragas in as many episodes which were live streamed on his Facebook page. Godkhindi believes that classical music is losing its popularity these days, especially with the pandemic kicking in and depriving many artistes of opportunities to perform their music.

"I felt folk artistes and classical music artistes did not have the opportunity to tap the digital world to present their creativity. I wanted to spread the word on the vast subject of ragas and their nuances, and encourage more youngsters to tune-in to classical music through social media," says Godkhindi, who performed even when we was ill with Covid-19 in April.

He explains that ragas express different moods of music and have a therapeutic impact on human beings. "Each raga has its own character and we try to bring out different emotions in these ragas. The swaras emerging from the ragas have a therapeutic impact on people and contribute to their overall well being. It acts as like a stress buster and this has become all the more important during these difficult times," he says.

Some of the ragas he has performed include marwa, miyakitodi, vasanthi, komal rishab asavari, and madhumad sarang. "I believe people must understand the nuances and the names of these ragas. Every Sunday I organise Facebook live sessions to explain at length the ascending notes and descending notes of the ragas to people. This also helps aspiring classical artistes to brush up their skills," says Godkhindi.

The 100th episode - to be held on June 24 - will be live streamed on his Facebook page and will also feature esteemed artistes such as Raufiq Quereshi, Durga Jasraj, Pandit Venkatesh Kumar, and Vidwan Mysore Manjunath.

He will perform raga bhairavi with his son Shadaj Godkhindi for the 101st episode at the end of June.

> *I started writing a novel during April last year and I am almost on the verge of completion. This is a fictional account of the classical artistes who came from my hometown Dharwad and also deals in depth with classical music*
>
> Pravin Godkhindi, Hindustani artiste

Scenes, a new drop-in audio chat app is vying for the attention of social media users, but developers say its not another Clubhouse

A piece of the pie

SANATH PRASAD

COMMUNICATIONS have been evolving ever since the telegraph separated communication from physical distance. In the past decade, there's been an explosion in the number of ways people have come up with, to simply converse.

The recent push has been toward real-time chats, either with visuals, audio, or text, or varying combinations of all three. The latest on the, well, scene, is an app called Scenes, developed by Bengaluru-based Avalon Meta.

Since its launch in the first week of April this year, Scenes has been downloaded by around two lakh Android and ioS users. It has got around 35,000 users, of which around half are active users (those who have attended a session at least once a week).

Users communicate through live voice chats that they can drop in on and participate in, depending on their interests. Naturally, there is a comparison with Clubhouse and Twitter Spaces, which hit Indian social media users barely a month after Scenes.

However, the company says that if at all a comparison is to be made, Discord (an app which offers real-time communication for gamers) would be more suitable.

"People wrongly compare us with Clubhouse. Our competition is with apps like Discord," says Abhinav Arora, co founder and chief marketing officer of Avalon Meta. He says Scenes is directed at a specific target audience: Content creators, social media influencers, brands and startups who want to build a strong community for themselves. "Our aim is to build a wide social capital and attract a larger user base. We are helping individuals and brands connect with the community with interesting features that we are going to roll out soon. We have also incorporated a live chat box for users during the audio sessions," says Arora.

The app's developers want to make community engagement more robust by introducing more functionalities. "We will allow users to record the audio of the session, share documents, screens, and video. As for brands, we will allow them to sell their own merchandise, e-products, and help them monetise their services on the app," says Arora.

With such extra features in the pipeline, tech experts say Clubhouse may have have competition. **Rathan Kinhal**, a Bengaluru-based tech expert who manages business operations for an international company, believes the pandemic has accelerated the growth of audio-centric apps.

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>
> Abhinav Arora, co founder, Avalon Meta

"Since the lockdown kicked in, social media users had the time to explore other formats of social networking than the usual microblogging and socialising apps. Moreover, with lower data tariffs in India, startups are tapping the right resources to ensure these apps reach even Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities," says Kinhal.

CLASSICAL DANCE

Catch Bharatanatyam dancer Mridula Sridharan live as she performs different styles of the dance form. Some of the styles include Kaarthu Arul Puriga, Enthaiyum Thaayum, Nambiket tavar and Sakhi Praana Thillana. **When:** June 12 **Tickets** on bookmyshow.com

INVOKING THE GODDESS

Sign up for Nine Nights of the Goddess- online spiritual session conducted by Unalome project. The live session is facilitated by Sneha S who will teach you the ancient way to invoke the innate devotional power that will help attain peace and harmony in your soul and mind. The event is open for people aged 16 years and above **When:** June 9-19 **Details:** 9886551029

CLASSICAL SESSIONS

Dhruv Arts, a UK-based South Asian organisation is conducting a series of interactive online workshops called Masters of Karnataka. The workshops will feature top Carnatic musicians from the state of Karnataka in digital concerts and featurettes. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** Eventbrite webpage

COMBO SPECIAL

Dindigul Thalappakatti launches Mood Combos containing a wide variety of starters and main course options. Some of the combo options include BBQ celebration, playful Chinese, blissful biryani and roti delight. **Place orders on:** Swiggy/ Zomato

CATCH STAND-UP COMIC DANIEL FERNANDES ONLINE WITH HIS FAMOUS PUNCHLINES AND IMPROVS. WHEN: JUNE 13 TICKETS: BOOKMYSHOW.COM

ONLINE PILATES SESSION

Sign up for an online pilates session conducted by RedMat Pilates studio. The session will train you in fitness goals like inch loss, toning, injury rehabilitation and improving sports performance. **Duration:** 40 minutes **When:** June 9 **Register on** bookmyshow.com

KATHAK CLASSES

Learn the basics of Kathak along with the history of the art form with Kathak dancer Mugdha D'Souza. The session includes learning the early origins of the dance form, basic steps and beats, ekgun, dungun and other movements. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** bookmyshow.com

BAKING CLASSES

Sign up for macaron baking with chef Pooja Dhingra as she trains you in making different varieties of macarons. The interactive baking session will teach you to make macaron shell, dark chocolate ganache and coffee ganache. The preparation is not eggless. **When:** June 12 **Details:** insider.in

LEARN ASTRONOMY

Here's an interesting online session on astronomy conducted by Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium for students. Students can learn a series of astronomy- related events like sun-earth connections, planets, galaxies and more through astronomy apps **When:** June 9 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

MUSICAL EVENING

Get grooving to the music of rock and metal performed by HIV Live TV. One of the heavy metal bands of India, the group will perform a metal concert to keep you engaged at the comfort of your home. Also get a chance to interact with them after the show on Zoom. **When:** June 13 onwards, 6pm **Tickets** on bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

VIETNAMESE COCONUT COFFEE

INGREDIENTS

- **Sweetened condensed milk:** 50 g ■ **Coconut cream:** 100 g
- **Strong coffee brew:** As you like it ■ **Milk:** A dash

METHOD

- Pour condensed milk in a glass, followed by coffee brew.
- Add the coconut cream, top it up with a dash of milk
- Stir it well. If you prefer it cold, add four ice cubes.

— Ujwal Rajamanindra, Bengaluru

SOUND BOARD

SPILLED MILK
If you're a food lover, then this one's for you. The podcast from writer-cum-comedians Molly Wizenberg and Matthew Amster-Burton has the pair ruminating on a particular food delicacy laced with humour and anecdotes.
- On Apple Podcasts

AMAZING WILDLIFE
From blobfish to sea otters, this educational series highlights the wonders and diversity of the animal kingdom. It makes it fun for wildlife enthusiasts with interesting trivia. The episodes also feature fun and insightful facts about the world's most fantastic animals.
- On Apple Podcasts

THINK FAST, TALK SMART: COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES
Whether you're giving a toast or presenting in a meeting, communication is critical to success in business and in life. Join Matt Abrahams, a lecturer of Strategic Communication at Stanford Graduate School of Business, as he sits down with experts in the field to discuss real-world challenges.
- On Google Podcasts

EVERYTHING IS ALIVE
Everything is Alive is an unscripted interview show in which all the subjects are inanimate objects. In each episode, a different thing tells us its life story — and everything it says is true.
- On Google Podcasts

GASTROPOD
Every other week co-hosts Cynthia Graber and Nicola Twilley serve up a brand new episode exploring the hidden history and surprising science behind different food- or farming-related topics.
- On Apple Podcasts

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

JAGUAR
Krishna, an orphan and a first-year MBBS student, dons a vigilante avatar and seemingly kills people randomly. He also tries to woo his friend's sister, Priya.
- Cast: Nikhil Gowda Deepti Sati

KALYANA
Arya, a righteous man, falls in love with a small-town woman named Geetha, unaware of the obstacles that lie ahead for both of them.
- Cast: Nikhil Gowda, Rachita Ram

MILANA
Anjali's father forces her to marry Akash. Unable to forget her past, she demands a divorce from Akash, but soon begins to fall for him.
- Cast: Puneet Rajkumar, Parvathy Thiruvothu

HEBBULI
After Ram's brother dies suddenly, he decides to investigate the reason behind his death. However, he must fight against the corrupt system to protect his family and find the truth.
- Cast: Kichcha Sudeep, Ravichandran

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW TO PUT THE POWER OF LAW IN PEOPLE'S HANDS BY VIVEK MARU
What can you do when the wheels of justice don't turn fast enough? Or when they don't turn at all? Vivek Maru is working to transform the relationship between people and law, turning law from an abstraction or threat into something that everyone can understand, use and shape.

2 COMPASSION AND THE TRUE MEANING OF EMPATHY BY JOAN HALIFAX
Buddhist roshi Joan Halifax works with people at the last stage of life (in hospice and on death row). She shares what she's learned about compassion in the face of death and dying, and a deep insight into the nature of empathy.

3 HOW TO DISAGREE PRODUCTIVELY AND FIND COMMON GROUND BY JULIA DHAR
Some days, we can't agree on anything. Drawing on her background as a world debate champion, Julia Dhar offers three techniques to reshape the way we talk to each other so we can start disagreeing productively and finding common ground — over family dinners, during work meetings and in our national conversations.

4 YOUR BODY LANGUAGE MAY SHAPE WHO YOU ARE BY AMY CUDDY
Body language affects how others see us, but it may also change how we see ourselves. Social psychologist Amy Cuddy argues that "power posing" — standing in a posture of confidence, even when we don't feel confident — can boost feelings of confidence, and might have an impact on our chances for success.

5 IT'S OK TO FEEL OVERWHELMED. HERE'S WHAT IS TO DO NEXT BY ELIZABETH GILBERT
If you're feeling anxious or fearful during the coronavirus pandemic, you're not alone. Offering hope and understanding, author Elizabeth Gilbert reflects on how to stay present, accept grief when it comes and trust in the strength of the human spirit. "Resilience is our shared genetic inheritance," she says.

FIT BIT

PARIVRTTA ANJANEYASANA

(REVOLVED CRESCENT LUNGE POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'parivrtta' means revolved, 'anjaneya' means salutation and 'asana' means pose. It is an intermediate standing twist that calms the mind and lengthens the spine. Traditionally, it activates the Manipura (solar plexus) Chakra, the body's energy and vitality center, providing confidence, internal strength and courage, which dispels fear and insecurity. There are several variations. For a more challenging version, lift the back knee off the ground in a standard lunge position.

STEPS

- Start in Adho Mukha Svanasana. Exhale, step your right foot forward between your hands. Bend your front knee to 90 degrees.
- Come on to the ball of your back foot, lift your heel.
- Lift your back knee and draw your quadriceps toward the ceiling. Straighten your back leg completely.
- Draw your left hip forward as you press your right hip back, squaring your hips.
- Inhale, raise your torso. Sweep your arms overhead, palms facing each other.
- Tilt your head and gaze up. Bring your palms together in prayer position. Exhale, twist your torso to the right. Bring your left elbow to the outside of your right thigh.
- Press your upper left arm against your thigh, draw your right shoulder blade into your back; turn your chest right.
- Turn your gaze to the sky. Tuck your tailbone and engage your shoulders and abdomen.
- Stay for up to one minute. To release, unwind and place your hands down. Exhale and come back to the original position. Repeat on the other side.

BENEFITS

- Creates stability in the body.
- Tones internal organs and increases their abilities to detoxify your body.
- Torso and digestive organs are flushed with oxygen-rich blood.
- Tones the legs, hips and buttocks.
- Opens chest, shoulders and arms.

LIMITATIONS

- People having high blood pressure or heart problems, knee or spinal injury, and pregnant women, avoid this. Practice within your own limits and abilities.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ARISHADVARGA (Kannada)
An aspiring actor doubling as an amateur gigolo gets caught up in a sticky situation after accepting a surprise gift from an anonymous client. Cast: Sumyuktha Hornad, Anju Alva Naik
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

INSPECTOR VIKRAM (Kannada)
Vikram, a police officer, strives hard to solve every case that comes his way. However, things take a turn when he encounters a criminal mastermind who runs an illegal drug operation.
Cast: Prajwal Devaraj, Bhavana
- Watch on Sunnxt

HERO (Kannada)
A barber stumbles upon his ex-lover in the home of a notoriously bloodthirsty gang leader. Misadventures ensue when he tries to help her escape with the gangster's men in hot pursuit. Cast: Rishab Shetty, Pramod Shetty
- Watch on: Zee 5

CHIYANGAL (Tamil)
A group of seven senior citizens who are close friends goes to Chennai from their village to help realise one of their dreams. However, fate had other plans for them.
Cast: Nalinikanth, Risha, Eshwar, Kundrai Vaendan Karikalan
- Watch on: Zee 5

THE FAMILY MAN (Hindi, series)
Srikant Tiwari has quit TASC and works in the private sector. A powerful new enemy forces him to return. He has to uncover and thwart a dangerous coalition between an old foe and a dormant group of foreign insurgents. But the danger is much closer home... and nobody is safe.
Cast: Manoj Bajpayee, Samantha Akkineni, Priyamani, Sharib Hashmi
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

RADHE (Hindi)
Radhe, a daredevil encounter specialist of the Mumbai Police force, vows to knock down the crime syndicate led by an evil drug lord.
Cast: Salman Khan, Disha Pathani, Randeep Hooda, Jackie Shroff
- Watch on: Zee 5

TAXIWALA (Telugu)
Shiva settles for the job of a cab driver after quitting several odd jobs. However, things take a turn when he faces spine-chilling incidents while driving and tries to solve the mystery.
Cast: Vijay Deverakonda, Malavika Nair, Priyanka Jawalkar, Madhunandan
- Watch on: Zee 5

FOREIGN

LITTLE BIG WOMEN (Taiwanese)
Family members grapple with the passing of their estranged father and the remnants of the life he led during his absence.
Cast: Shufang Chen, Sara Yu, Janine Chang, Vivian Hsu
- Watch on: Netflix

MARE OF EASTTOWN (English, series)
A detective from Pennsylvania tries her best to prevent her life from falling apart while investigating a mysterious murder.
Cast: Kate Winslet, Evan Peters, Guy Pearce, Angourie Rice
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

ROH (Malay)
Cut off from civilisation, a single mother puts her children on high alert when they bring home a young girl caked in clay. She tells of spirits and spirit hunters, but these are not mere superstitions. As more strangers show up on her doorstep, she quickly finds another reason to fear the forest.
Cast: Farah Ahmad, Namron, June Lojong, Mhia Farhana
- Watch on: Netflix

OSLO (English)
A group of Israelis and Palestinians, along with a Norwegian couple, form an unlikely alliance and attempt to establish peace between Israel and Palestine.
Cast: Ruth Wilson, Andrew Scott, Jeff Wilbusch, Itzik Cohen
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

SUBSCRIPTION
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Zee 5: ₹ 99 per month
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month

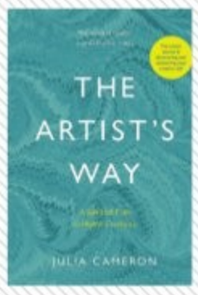
BOOK SHELF

ANIMAL

Author: Lisa Taddeo

No of pages: 336

This book falls under the thriller genre and begins with a detailed scene of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head of an unrequited lover. Soon, the plot features a road-trip to California, centring on a woman who is driven to kill by the violence of her past. Lisa Taddeo is the author of *Three Women*, which she is currently adapting for a television series with Showtime. Three Women was both a Sunday Times and New York Times number one bestseller.

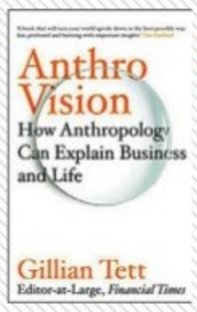


THE ARTIST'S WAY: A SPIRITUAL PATH TO HIGHER CREATIVITY

Author: Julia Cameron

No of pages: 272

This book is a newly-designed and repackaged paperback of the popular bestseller. Here, the writer Julia Cameron guides readers in uncovering problems and pressure points that may be restricting their creative flow and offers techniques to open up opportunities for self-growth and self-discovery. The book aims to help readers get back on track, rediscover their passions, and take the steps they need to change their life.

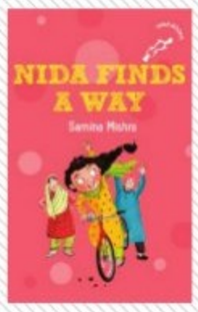


ANTHRO-VISION: HOW ANTHROPOLOGY CAN EXPLAIN BUSINESS AND LIFE

Author: Gillian Tett

No of pages: 304

In this book, Gillian Tett reveals how anthropology can make sense of the corporate world. She explains how anthropology gives insights on consumer behaviour - revealing the 'webs of meaning' that underlie shopping habits, and unpicking the subtle cultural shifts driving the rise of green business. She also looks at how anthropology can shed light on the workplace, identifying the hidden tribes within the office, and pinpointing which rituals help in team bonding and forming a team. And she shows how anthropology can be used in other ways, like to make better decisions, navigate risk - even work out what our peers are really thinking, etc.



NIDA FINDS A WAY

Author: Samina Mishra

No of pages: 72

This is a short-length illustrated book for kids aged 7-9 years. It follows the protagonist Nida, whose father always says 'no' when she wants to try something new. But since Nida is eager to learn, she tries to persuade her father anyway. Samina Mishra is a documentary film maker, writer and teacher based in New Delhi, with a special interest in media for and about children. Her work uses the lens of childhood, identity and education to reflect the experiences of growing up in India.

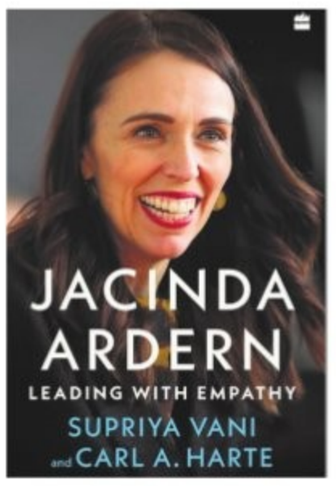
'ARDERN HASN'T COMPROMISED HER PERSONALITY'

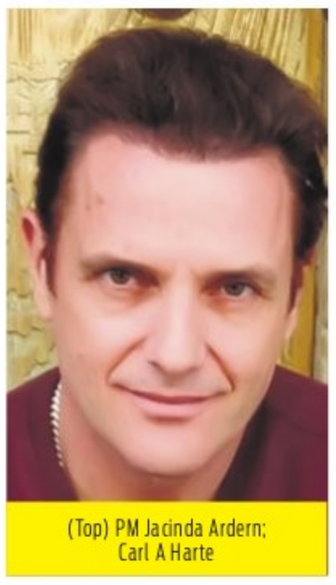
FOR career women, Jacinda Ardern's rise to the summit of political life is a case study, because the challenges she has encountered are so very familiar. Unlike a number of women outliers holding office, Ardern hasn't compromised her personality to suit her career; she hasn't become 'masculinised'. Assertive and effective in politics, she invokes a style that a broad spectrum of people, of both sexes, may seek in coming generations: the strong woman - as opposed to the strongman - who embodies astuteness, along with the ability to bring opposing forces together for a greater goal.

So much the better. Seeking counsel, weighing options with others to determine the most appropriate course of action beyond the limits of one's experience and personal conviction, doesn't sit well with a patriarch. It may be a woman leader's very essence, a strong suit that allows her flexibility to adapt to new or unforeseen circumstances. Absolute certainty and self-assurance could well be the 'strongman' politician's weakness, rather than strength.

TURNING PAGES

Although Jacinda Ardern is a confident, strong woman, absolute self-assurance is not one of her character traits. This is where so many can relate to her, and learn from her rise to power. Ardern demonstrates that one doesn't need preternatural self-possession and an absence of self-doubt to succeed. Most people struggle with confidence issues, self-doubt or anxiety. Many of us have misgivings about fulfilling our potential, as well.





(Top) PM Jacinda Ardern; Carl A Harte

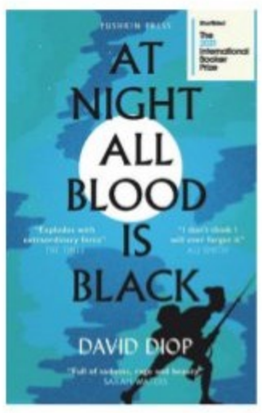
Few, however, share their struggles so openly, and in public, as Jacinda Ardern has done; fewer still in positions of power. 'I'm constantly anxious about making mistakes. Everything in politics feels so fragile,' she told a magazine interviewer. 'I do live in constant fear of what might be,' she says, acknowledging that her anxiety is 'just who I am'. 1 Her honesty, her frankness about such a personal issue is remarkable, almost unprecedented in politics.

At least as remarkable, in the upper echelons of public life, is Ardern's lack of cut-throat ambition. From the time she was touted as a leadership prospect for the Labour Party and a potential prime minister, she voiced her ambivalence towards assuming office. This is hardly unusual in politics: most politicians deny their ambitions emphatically, until the very hour of their leadership challenge. Ardern's qualms about New Zealand's 'top job', however, are sincere.

In a radio interview in June 2014, she described the prime ministership as an 'awful, awful job', and she meant it. Earlier, she had told a reporter that Helen Clark 'had to give up everything' for her position - and she was not willing to do likewise. She had 'no desire' to be prime minister. 2

Ardern's experience of Clark's tenure, and the strain of her mentor's last successful election campaign in 2005, had left their mark. She describes that election year as 'extraordinarily stressful'. So stressful was it that her OE was as much a sabbatical as a means of broadening her horizons. She might have nurtured teenage ambitions of running the country, but her encounter with the ninth floor of the Beehive had left her cold.

(Extracted from** Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy **by Supriya Vani and Carl A Harte with permission from HarperCollins)



NUGGETS

INTERNATIONAL BOOKER PRIZE 2021 ANNOUNCES WINNER

The winner of International Booker Prize 2021 is David Diop's *At Night All Blood Is Black*. David Diop was born in Paris and raised in Senegal. He is the head of the Arts, Languages, and Literature Department at the University of Pau, where his research includes such topics as eighteenth-century French literature and European representations of Africa in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. *At Night All Blood Is Black* is his second novel.

BOOK ON TATA GROUP TO COME OUT

Penguin Random House India has announced the publication of *#TataStories: 40 Timeless Tales to Inspire You* by Harish Bhat. The book is a collection of little-known tales of individuals, events, and places from the Tata Group that have shaped the country we live in today. It is slated to be out on June 14 and is the sequel to *Tata Log*.

Representational pic

IS SELF-PUBLISHING A THREAT TO TRADITIONAL PUBLISHING?

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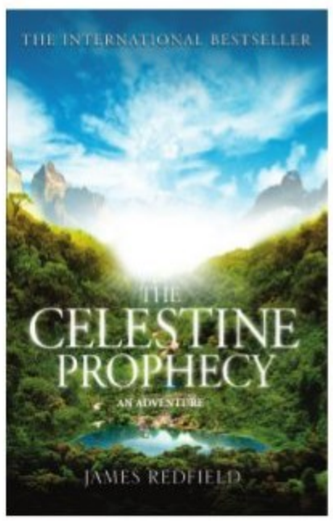
SELF-publishing in a simplistic analogy is to book publishing what blogging is to journalism. In short, self-publishing is an egalitarian way of giving every writer access to a readership. Eventually what matters, though, is the quality of the content; the medium is incidental.

You might view self-publishing as either vanity publishing of a mediocre product or a means of liberation from the tyranny of publishers, but the truth lies in between. While there has been a three-fold increase in sale of self-published books in India in 2020 (compared to 2019), the absolute number of units sold were less than a hundred thousand. A large number was printed for private circulation, outside the monitored market. Most are sold either online or through local independent booksellers.

Self-publishing a book for the first time can be an overwhelming experience, especially if the author is a digital immigrant (as opposed to being a digital native), but avenues such as Amazon's Kindle Direct Publishing have made it easier for the author to seamlessly conduct the entire process, exercising control over every stage from revisions to cover design and tagging of the book.

With some exceptions, most self-published books that went on to achieve fame and wide readership were rejected by regular publishers. Amish Tripathi's manuscript for *The Immortals of Meluha* was rejected by more than 35 publication houses, and Ashwin Sanghi had a similar experience with his bestselling novel *The Rozabal Line* which was self-published under his anagram-pseudonym Shawn Higgins.

A phenomenal self-publishing success (though it was panned by literary critics!) was E.L. James's *50 Shades of Grey* trilogy. Conceived as fan fiction of the *Twilight* series, which James posted on fan fiction sites and her own website, it was later developed into an erotic trilogy. She then self-published the first book as an e-book and print-on-demand paperback through the Australia-based virtual publisher The Writers' Coffee Shop. Similarly, Andy Weir started publishing excerpts of *The Martian* on his personal blog, and after a good reception from his readers he published the book on Amazon and sold it for 99 cents a copy-the rest is history. Tom Peters sold more than 25,000 copies of his business book *In Search of Excellence* directly to consumers before he sold the rights to Warner; this edition sold more than 10 million copies!

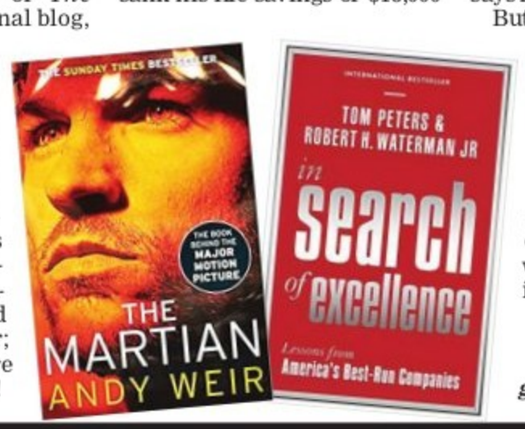


One of my favourite self-published books is *The Celestine Prophecy* by James Redfield, a first-person narrative of the author's spiritual awakening. Redfield set up Sartori publishing, named after a Zen term for instant enlightenment, and sank his life savings of $18,000 into printing 3,000 copies which he sold from the trunk of his car! The buzz built up and Warner stepped in. The self-published book sold 1,00,000 copies (23 million copies till date) and spent 165 weeks on the New York Times bestseller list!

So, is self-publishing a threat to traditional publishing? Thomas Abraham, CEO of Hachette India, doesn't think so. There are good reasons why trade publishing has endured since 1768, says Abraham. Authors, most of whom appreciate editorial intervention, realise the importance of imprints and the necessity of getting their work disseminated via the publishing framework structure of distribution, review mail-outs etc. There's ample room for both modes, with the bulk of self-published titles being non-competitive-they are often for private circulation and a way for writers to see their name in print-a very legitimate right, says Abraham.

But today they're not just two separate worlds. Mainstream publishers go in for self-publishing as well. The fundamental differentiator for a traditional publisher is whether their editorial team said yes to it and acknowledged its being in keeping with their list and their imprint philosophy.

(The author is a technologist based in Silicon Valley who is gently mad about books)



WAXING ELOQUENT ON THE VACCINES

URBAN BOURBON
Hriday Ranjan
Writer, comedian

BY the grace of the Almighty, I managed to get my first dose of the vaccine yesterday. It was the culmination of a year-long process of hoping and praying, and weeks of searching for slots on the Cowin website. So much so that when the vaccine was brought out of the vial and injected into me, it was a bit of an anti-climax.

I did not upload a picture of me getting the vaccine on Instagram. I'm not shallow like that. I chose to write a column about it, and thereby reach a potentially larger audience. I am shallow like that.

For months, the vaccines had raised much curiosity and speculation among my (not-so-highly-educated) friends. Even though none of us had any inkling about what goes into the making of vaccines and antibodies, we vaxxed eloquent on the various pros and cons of the two vaccines available in India today. One of my friends was so tensed about the vaccine, that he did the scientific thing by praying to God about it. Since I'm a large-hearted person, I did not disturb God about my vaccine, leaving God to deal with more important matters such as climate change, and Jasprit Bumrah's bowling action.

Other friends lectured me on the pros and cons of the two vaccines, spewing out information borrowed from the dreaded, slimy green walls of WhatsApp. It is funny - a year ago, we'd all have jumped at the prospect of getting a vaccine. But provided with a choice between a grand total of two vaccines, all of us have become Harshad Mehtas and Ketan Parekhs.

Of course, the Government of India did everything to ease the process (as is it's wont) by creating a website for the purpose - Cowin. The Cowin website, in case you're not familiar, comes from the rich ancestry of the IRCTC website. It took me back to my college days, when I would sit down to book a ticket on the IRCTC website, then spend a few years waiting for the ticket to get confirmed, and only then embark on the journey - a whole new person. How many websites provide such benefits?

I made numerous attempts to secure a spot on the website. I would receive a notification about slots and rush to the site. By the time I clicked on a centre, it told me that the slots were filled. Finally, like any well-meaning middle class Indian, I decided to dip my beak into capitalist waters by paying for my vaccine.

After standing in line for a while, I was ushered into the centre. Lines of people waiting patiently, doctors and nurses running the show, and no children around - my idea of an urban utopia! The nurse administering the vaccines was miffed with people for clicking pictures while getting the jab. But what did she know? We all get a certificate with a smiling, bearded Modiji after getting the vaccine. But how will Angel Priya and Wicked Bunty know of the vaccine if the picture isn't up on Instagram?

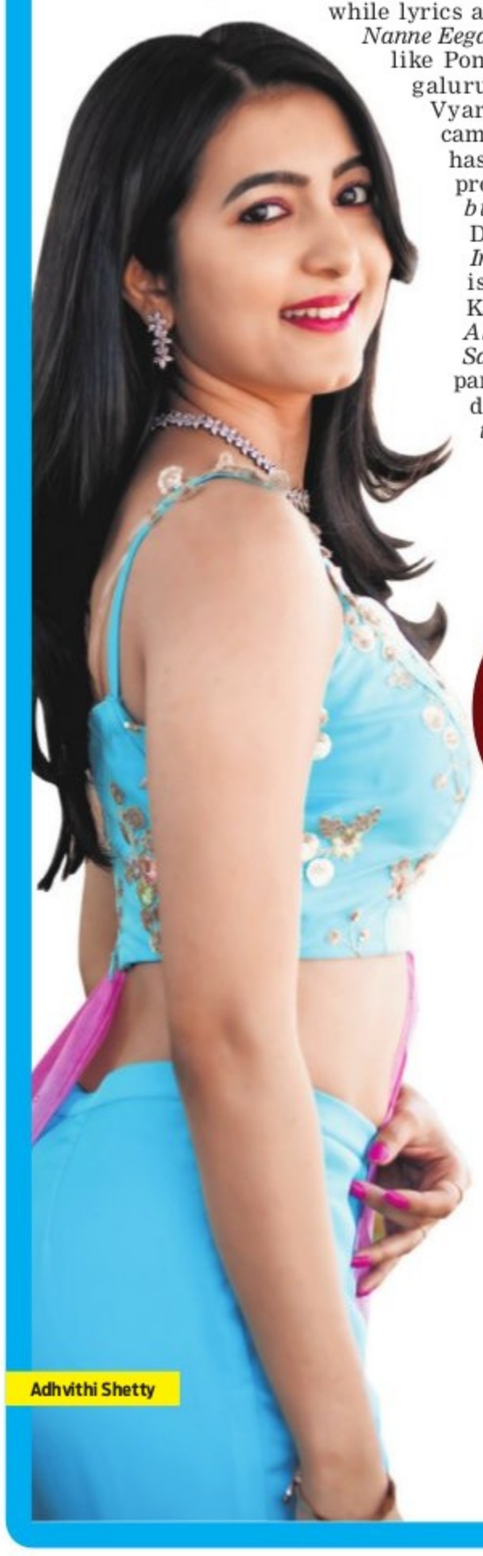
I was informed about the side effects and requested to be cautious. I was told that fever and dizziness were on the menu. As someone who hasn't gotten a fever in more than a decade, I'd be lying if I said I wasn't looking forward to it. Childhood fevers were my first experience of getting high. However, as the night rolled on, I found the experience similar to purchasing acid from a newbie dealer. I faced no side-effects, except for a minor poking sensation - to remind me to upload the picture on Instagram!

ADHVITHI SHETTY MAKES SOLO SINGLE DEBUT

CE FEATURES

Adhvithi Shetty is the latest heroine to make her solo debut with a single, which will be out on June 10. Titled *Nanne Eega*, it will be a romantic track which also features Prathap Tony. The latter has also rendered his voice for this love number. "Album songs or singles have always been a trend, and this was the right opportunity to reach my fans. Secondly, movies usually take months to hit screens. This song, however, will be done in a short time and will be out on social media platforms. So it and can be accessed at any time," says the *Iravan* actor.

Produced by KS Gowda, the music is scored by Bharan, while lyrics are written by Ravi. *Nanne Eega* is shot in locations like Pondicherry and Bengaluru, and has Vishnu Vyartha handling the camera work. Adhvithi has a good lineup of projects, including *Cadburys* — starring Dharma Kirhiraj— *Iravan*, in which she is paired opposite Karthik Jayaram—*Dr. Abhi 007* -- and *Dheera Samrat*. She is also part of Deepak Aras's directorial *Sugar Factory* in which she shares screen space with Krishna, Sonal Monteiro and Shilpa Shetty.



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– **Adhvithi Shetty, actor**

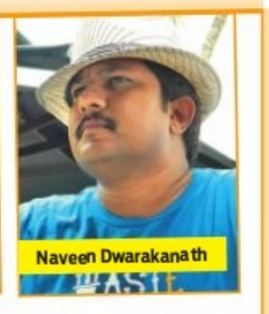
Raghu Dixit and Varijashree Venugopal are rendering their voice to the track— to be out on June 9 — that is conceptualised by director Naveen Dwarakananth

Harisha R K

Siddart Kamath

Varijashree Venugopal

Raghu Dixit


Naveen Dwarakanath

Bharavaseya Baduku brings together host of actors for album song

CE FEATURES

AS the pandemic has raged over the last two months, frontline workers have put up a brave front. Which is why Naveen Dwarakanath, the director of *For Regn*, has conceptualised a musical video titled *Bharavaseya Baduku*, which is dedicated to them. With voice rendered by well-known singers Raghu Dixit and Varijashree Venugopal, the song will release on Wednesday at 5 pm on Anand Audio. This track has a host of actors featuring in the song, including Vasistha Simha, Harshika Poonacha, Krishi Thapnade, Kishan Bilagali, Pruthvi Ambaar, Aniruddha Jatkar, Ranjani Raghavan, Jai Karthik and Raghu Ramanakoppa.

"Bharavase means hope and through this song, I hope to instill that faith in people, '' says Naveen, adding, "I was extremely stressed when I had to take my Covid test. Fortunately, it turned out to be negative, after which I was able to heave a sigh of relief. However, I discussed this stress I went through with a doctor who mentioned that many others too are facing this anxiety. This song will strike a chord with those who have not lost faith and patience," says Naveen whose dear friends Harisha R K and Siddart Kamath are joining hands for this venture.

The recording of the song was done keeping in mind all safety measures. "Raghu and Varija have an in-house set up to record, so we sent them the tracks which they recorded from home. The track mixing was done by our music team," he says.

MOVE IT LIKE NIKHIL KUMARASWAMY

The actor, who has proved his mettle as a mass hero, is working on another facet, dance, which he will showcase in *Rider*, his upcoming commercial entertainer

A SHARADHAA

ENTERTAINMENT has taken a backseat for Nikhil Kumaraswamy in recent times. Instead, he has been spending time with family, helping out with Covid relief work, and lending a helping hand in general. "This is a small effort on my part. I'm hoping that things get back to normal soon," he says, adding that at the beginning of this year there was this assumption that the worst was over, not realising the onslaught of the second wave. "The damage could have been controlled had measures been taken at an early stage," says Nikhil, who is now spreading awareness on the importance of vaccinations. "I will be travelling to various villages to spread word on this," says the actor who himself tested positive for Covid-19. He contracted the virus post the shooting schedule of his upcoming film, *Rider* which took place in Leh. Now, having fully recovered, he looks back and says he went ahead and participated in the shooting at the call of the producer. "*Rider* is not being made under my home banner. As an actor, I felt it was my duty to go by the decision of the producers. They intended to complete the shooting and never anticipated the ferocity of the second wave. Thankfully, we are all fine," he says.

The makers are left with just 10 days of shooting, which includes a song sequence. Interestingly, Nikhil has proved his mettle as a mass hero, right from his first film *Jaguar*, and *Rider* will see him explore his dancing skills. The team, which is planning to resume shooting sometime in July or so, is currently doing rehearsals. "The film writen and directed by Vijay Kumar Konda and produced by Chandru Manoharan has come out well. *Rider,* according to me, is a feel-good film, and this particular dance number will be an invitation to a mass crowd. It will be one of the highlights of the commercial entertainer," says Nikhil, who did not confirm the release plans. "I want to complete the shooting before I move onto my next project. The release will be handled by the production house," he adds.

Meanwhile, speculation in the industry is that *Seetharama Kalyana* actor will be featuring alongside Shivarajkumar in Nanda Kishore's directorial. "I am looking forward to sharing space with a legend like Shivanna, provided it is a good story. But it is too early to talk about the film," responds the actor. There is also a strong buzz that Nikhil has given a green signal to his next project, which is currently in the pre-production process and set to go on floors. The actor is tight-lipped on this and mentioned that he will wait for the production house to make a formal announcement.

Nikhil Kumaraswamy

At the beginning of this year there was this assumption that the worst was over, not realising the onslaught of the second wave – **Nikhil Kumaraswamy, actor**

Eiza Gonzalez roped in to headline *Wolf Country*

CE FEATURES

Actor Eiza Gonzalez is all set to headline the upcoming thriller movie *Wolf Country*, which will be directed by Jennifer Fox, with a script by Peter Begler.

Described as a 'muscular thriller', *Wolf Country* is said to be in the vein of the 2016's Jeff Bridges Western Hell or High Water. A young deputy finds herself shunned by her entire community after she implicates her town's beloved sheriff, who also happens to be her father, while uncovering a large drug haul. Things take a worse turn when he escapes custody and flees into the rugged Colorado wilderness.

Eiza Gonzalez

Kajal Aggarwal to star in *Kaithi*'s Hindi remake?

CE FEATURES

Speculations are rife that actor Kajal Aggarwal will be sharing screen space with Ajay Devgn in the Hindi remake of the Tamil film, *Kaithi*. According to reports, the makers of the Hindi version are planning to incorporate a flashback sequence involving the character of the protagonist's wife, likely to be essayed by Kajal. However, an official confirmation on behalf of the makers is currently awaited.

If the speculation is proven true, the film will mark Kajal's second collaboration with Ajay after the 2011 film *Singam*, which was incidentally a remake of yet another Tamil film by the same name starring Suriya.

Kaithi, starring Karthi, released in October 2019, and was met with critical and commercial success, following which the Hindi remake was announced in February 2020. The makers had initially locked a February 2021 release date, but had to postpone to an indefinite date owing to the onset of Covid-19 pandemic.

It was recently announced that Kajal, who was seen in Live Telecast, Mumbai Saga, and Mosagallu this year, will be headlining a slice-of-life Hindi drama called Uma. The Thuppakki-actor's upcoming slate of releases across Tamil and Telugu languages include *Hey Sinamika* alongside Dulquer Salmaan, Chiranjeevi-starrer *Acharya,* and *Indian 2,* led by Kamal Haasan.

Meanwhile, Ajay Devgn was last seen in *Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior* and has multiple releases in his pipeline including, *Suryavanshi,* in which is reprising his role of Bajirao Singam from the 2011 film, Sanjay Leela Bhansali's *Gangubai Kathiawadi,* SS Rajamouli's *RRR,* the sports drama *Maidaan,* and *Bhuj: The Pride of India.*

Kajal Aggarwal

Jennifer Lopez signs multi-year production deal with Netflix

CE FEATURES

Actor-Singer Jennifer Lopez, who runs Nuyorican Productions, has signed a multi-year, first-look deal with Netflix. Along with producing partners Benny Medina and Elaine Goldsmith-Thomas, Lopez will produce a lineup of film and television content, both scripted and unscripted, that features diverse female actors, writers and filmmakers.

It may be recalled that Netflix had announced two feature films starring Lopez — *The Mother,* helmed by Niki Caro of Mulan fame, and *The Cipher,* based on the novel of the same name by Isabel Ojeda Maldonado.

The Mother revolves around a lethal female assassin who comes out of hiding to teach her daughter the art of survival. *The Cipher,* on the other hand, centres on FBI Special Agent Nina Guerrera, who finds herself attracted to a serial killer's case after he strategically posts complex codes and riddles online. The codes match with recent murders, designed to pull her into a cat-and-mouse chase. Lopez is currently training for her role in *The Mother*, with production set to begin this September with a plan to release it by the end of 2022. The actor was last seen in *Hustlers,* She also has *Marry Me by Kat Coiro* in her kitty.

Jennifer Lopez